

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Portland.

Building is not being pushed very rapidly.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in this city Sunday night at about 12 o'clock.

July 18th, the river has gone down enough to permit the resumption of business on the lower docks.

July 18th, the bark *James G. Bain* is in the river and will probably arrive today. She has a general cargo from Liverpool. The harbor will be well supplied with ships by the time the new wheat crop is ready.

July 18th, the examination of Joseph Ludwig, the burglar, was continued in the police court till to-day.

J. C. Kress was arrested Monday night while trying to smuggle a bottle of whisky to a prisoner through the wicket in the city jail.

Vancouver had a slight fire on Sunday. It started in Francis' saloon, on Main street, and was extinguished before much damage was done.

Interviews with twenty-one cannerymen, on July 17th from Tongue point to Tanzy point, amount to the one general statement, viz: the salmon are running very light; the usual July run has not yet made its appearance, and that should the usual run come in the last days of July and the first days in August, the pack may approximate last season's figures.—*Astorian*.

On Sunday, the two-story scow in which was located last summer the air compressing machinery used in cutting Tunnel No. 2, was sent over the Cascades without accident. She was pointed into the rapids by Captain Wilson, and came over in twenty minutes. No one was aboard. She was picked up below by the *Cooke* and towed to the Lower Cascades. This thing of shooting the rapids has been successfully accomplished within six weeks in four ways: by steam, by dragging, by wind and now by nothing but the current.

The recent rise in the price of lumber at the mills in this city has caused some of the builders and contractors a little uneasiness. Many of them had figured on their contracts before the rise, and consequently will be losers. Some declare that they will send their bills to mill's down the Columbia, where they can obtain lumber, laid down in Portland, at the old prices. Whether the millers here can hold out against the contractors will be determined in a short time.

Monmouth and Vicinity.

The length of time the hot weather has continued, is very unusual.

A large force of hands are at work on the warehouse and pushing it forward rapidly. The only drawback is that the mill can not cut lumber fast enough.

A car load of grain sacks came up Tuesday and Farmers can now be supplied at any time.

Judge Dawson has been appointed agent of the railroad company at this place and now has charge of the depot.

It is reported that a telephone from

here to Dallas will be put up in a few days.

Harvesting is now fully under way and fields of grain shocks begin to appear in every direction.

A harness maker is now in demand. It is a fine opening for a good shop.

A pleasant party was given Prof. T. F. Campbell at Mr. Bedwell's, on Monday evening before his departure.

Pacific Coast.

A dispatch says: Oregon cattle and sheep droves are passing through Eagle creek, daily. They are in excellent condition.

The present dry weather is seriously affecting the hop fields in Puyallup valley, and unless rain comes soon the yields this year will be far below that of last season.

During the past month several large bands of cattle have been driven from the vicinity of Moscow bound for the eastern market, going by way of Montana. One drove contained 2200 head, another 1800 and still another 1700 head at which rate it seems as if the supply would soon run short, but as yet no perceptible decrease can be observed.

New hay has been sold in New Tacoma by Indian farmers the past week for \$13 and \$14 per ton.

Joseph Connell, who was killed last week near Hillsboro by his horse falling upon him, had been a resident of Washington county since 1874, and was at the time of his death 66 years old. A wife, eight sons and two daughters survive him.

HARVESTING BEGUN, July 14th.—A private dispatch states that harvesting in the Walla valley was begun yesterday on the farm of Dr. Blalock. Within two weeks the O. R. & N. Co., will commence transporting this fall's crop. With two large wharf boats at Bonneville, two additional steamers and several barges of extensive capacity, there will be no difficulty in getting the grain product of the inland empire to tide water without delay early in the shipping season, and it looks now almost certain that the railroad will reach Portland before the middle of October.

The following Colfax special was delayed: At one Friday morning, July 16, fire broke out in Osborne & Co.'s agricultural warehouse, and by 4 o'clock, A. M., the whole business portion of Colfax and a large part of the rest of the town was in ashes. Fifty-eight business houses were consumed, including every store, two hotels, three banks, the Democrat office and two livery stables with seven horses. The Gazette office was saved. Twenty-three dwelling houses were destroyed, and Colfax is virtually in ruins. The fire was the work of an incendiary. Few if any goods were saved from the buildings or dwellings. The fire swept through like a tornado, burning bricks and frames alike. The U. S. land office was burned with all the records. Those in the safe are thought to be saved. The money and papers of the banks were saved. It is impossible to get the accurate loss at this hour, or the amount of insurance.

Eastern.

NEW YORK, July 13.—A Herald Paris special has the following on the gas ex-

plosion, under date of July 11th:

Early this morning escape of gas had been noticed and a slight explosion even alarmed the people in the cave, who fearing a calamity, instantly went to the nearest officer to ask to have the matter attended to. Hardly had the messenger started when a terrific explosion occurred in his own cellar. The whole front of the building was torn to atoms. Over twelve persons are believed to have been killed and nearly fifty wounded.

LITTLE ROCK, July 13.—Special from Texarkana: Lightning struck Grier's new three story brick to night, and the walls fell on the Faragon saloon crushing it to atoms. About 30 lives are lost. Some of the bodies are already taken out, and workmen are searching for others. A fire has broken out under the ruins.

The freight strike continues at New York.

One of Kansas City's leading liquor merchants failed on the 13th for \$50,000.

Six boys have died in Boston since the 4th of July from lockjaw, induced by toy pistol wounds.

DETROIT, July 14.—Reports all concur that the wheat crop of Michigan now about ready to harvest is the largest and finest on record. The weather has been so cold heads all filled out plumply and the berry is ripe without the least signs of shrinkage and farmers have all made preparation to harvest and house it quickly. By Monday harvest will be very general. Work has commenced in southern counties already. Not one piece of poor wheat is reported in the State.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 14.—The department of agriculture report prospects encouraging for a large crop of rye. The yield per acre is large and quality superior in southern and central portions of the State. The last census gives the yield of Illinois at 3,122,000 bushels of rye, or about one-sixth of the entire country. The production and crop will be nearly or quite as large as in 1880.

PETERSBURG, Va., July 12.—On petition of colored people the school board have appointed a number of colored teachers for colored schools, the first instance of the kind in the city.

SENECA, Kansas, July 12.—A heavy wind and rain storm visited this neighborhood yesterday. Considerable damage was done to fruit, and one or two buildings twisted. Effect on crops will be good.

BOSTON, July 12.—A whale caught fire on the railway dock to-day, and the fire department was called out to save the skeleton. The fish had been mounted for exhibition at a cost stated at \$9,500.

Five children died from heat in New York city on the 16th inst.

PRINEVILLE, Ohio, July 17.—Preston Powers of Italy has just completed a model for a bust of Garfield from a photograph by Tibbals, being the same one used on the five cent postage stamp. Mrs. Garfield and the late President's mother were here yesterday to view the work, and pronounced it beyond criticism. Mr Powers started for the east with the cast to-night, from whence it will be taken to Italy to be cut in mar-

ble. It is to be life size and one of the finest ever brought to this country.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Wm. Calvert has patented a reflector, consisting of 100 or more mirrors, by which he concentrates the heat of the sun in sufficient force to generate steam in large quantities. He claims it will revolutionize the manufacturing business where fuel is scarce and sunshine plenty.

Foreign.

LONDON, July 13.—Another correspondent at Alexandria telegraphs: "I went ashore to-day and found Arabi Pasha had gone to Kefreldewar, about an hour's journey from Alexandria, where he is reported as intrenching. The troops have blown up the railway between himself and Alexandria. Gen. Stone, an American, formerly a great rival of Arabi Pasha, escaped with the khedive but left his family at Cairo.

ALEXANDRIA, July 13, 8:40 A. M.—Alexandria has been evacuated and the city is in flames. The telegraph ship *Chiltern* has been ordered to take up a position near the neutral ships.

A correspondent on board the *Invincible* telegraphs as follows:

OFF ALEXANDRIA, July 13, 1 P. M.

After daybreak this morning a number of persons were seen on the edge of the water of the harbor. Glasses showed them to be Europeans. Boats were at once lowered and the crews, armed to the teeth, started to the shore. They found about 100 Europeans, many of them wounded, who had gathered in the Anglo-Egyptian bank and had resisted desparately. They had maintained themselves throughout the night. Towards daylight their assailants drew off and the party made their way to the shore. They reported that Arabi Pasha before he left with his troops had the prisons opened and the convicts, joined by the lower classes and some Bedouins, proceeded to sack the city and kill the inhabitants.

Business Locals.

When in Portland, don't forget the Pacific Boot and Shoe House. The leading Boot and Shoe dealers are Cardwell, Bennett & Co., 109 First St. 12 23-Gm.

The "Little Gallery Round the Corner" Yamhill St., near 4th, is making Cabinet Photos for \$4, and Cards \$2 per dozen. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Jno. A. MacDonald, of the Salem Marble and Granite Works, Commercial Street, south of the post office, manufactures all kinds of monuments: Italian marble a speciality. Prices reduced one-half.

NEW MUSIC.—Send stamp to Wiley B. Allen, most popular music dealer, Portland, Or., for complete catalogue and sample copy "Musical Pastime." All orders by mail filled promptly.

The Household Sewing Machine took the first premium at the great Manchester (England) Exposition for the best family Sewing Machine. John B. Garrison, general agent, 167 3rd St., Portland, Oregon.

The Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Co. have just moved into their new and commodious four story brick building on the east side of First, between Taylor and Salmon Streets, where those in want of Furniture or Carpets will find it to their advantage to call and examine their stock, as none but first class goods are kept in this establishment.