

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Monmouth and Vicinity.

Our cold weather has passed away and a gentle rain has taken its place.

One of our printers being sick, we have been considerably pressed with our work this week.

The Monmouth Sunday School is growing in interest. The Superintendent, Prof. W. E. Yates is growing enthusiastic over the prospects.

Pres. D. T. Stanley complains of being unwell this week, but still keeps up his college work.

Bro. Bently has the thanks of the editor for a sack flour delivered at his house.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet at the residence of Sister A. M. Bidwell on Friday, Feb. 2, 1883 at 2 o'clock, P. M. All interested in the Missionary work are specially invited to attend these meetings.

Next week is examination week in the college. We beg to be excused this time.

We have had a number of callers at our office this week. We are always glad to see our friends.

An Entertainment will be given on Friday evening Feb. 2d, by the "Monmouth Dramatic Association," the proceeds to be applied towards the payment of the Chapel Organ debt. "Above the Clouds" is the Drama chosen for the occasion. Performances begin at 7:30. Music by the String Band. Admission 50 cents.

LITERARY CONTEST.—The Union Literary Society of Oregon Normal School, Monmouth, have received and accepted a challenge from the Adelpian Literary Society of the State College Corvallis, to meet them in a public Literary Contest to be held at Monmouth, Feb. 16, 1883, to consist of the following exercises. Discussion of the question, "Resolved that 'Protective Tariff' should be abolished in the United States." Also, one declamation and one recitation from each society. Representatives from Adelpian Society: Debators—affirmative: W. H. Holman, W. G. Emery, S. S. Johnson and J. F. Yates. Declamation—Leo J. Stock; recitation, Miss C. Willard. Representatives from Union Literary Society: Debators—negatives: E. H. Richardson, Allen McQueen, B. L. Murphy and P. O. Powell. Declamation—W. C. Roberts. Recitation—Miss Allie Butler.—W. H. HAWLEY, Cor. Secretary.

Pacific Coast.

A telephone between Albany and Corvallis is being agitated.

The public school buildings at Albany are not sufficient for the demand.

Mr. John Barrett died at Brownsville on Wednesday of last week at the advanced age of 86, his birthday having been on Christmas day.

The end of track on the Baker City division is out ten miles from Pendleton and the carpenters are now working on bridges five miles ahead of the track layers.

W. A. Wells' farm, at Wells station, was sold this week to John Tomlinson

and B. H. Baber, of Albany, 160 acres to the former and 250 to the latter, the price paid for the whole being \$11,000

No less than four parties of engineers are known to be making preliminary surveys for the Oregon Short Line down Snake river canyon from Olds' ferry to Lewiston.

J. F. Valento, aged 29 years, and recently from Butte Montana, fell from the roof of a new building in Seattle, on the 18th, a distance of 30 feet, striking on his head and receiving injuries that will undoubtedly result in his death.

A furious gale from the north swept over the Sound last Tuesday.

At Port Gamble a wharf was broken down, two pile drivers wrecked, and the steamer *Cyrus Walker* sunk.

At Tacoma was located the scene of the greatest damage, the total loss there being in the neighborhood of \$60,060, principally to the ships *Oriental*, *Hannah Dudley*, *Chalenger*, *Glendon*, *Eldorado* and *Carrollton*.

Ex-Senator W. W. Taylor died on the 18th, at his residence in San Francisco, after a long and painful illness. He was one of the earliest pioneers in that state and occupied various positions of public trust.

The Wilhoit saw mill has been repaired and is sawing lumber again.

A ferry boat is about to be fitted up to run some four times a day between Oswego, Milwaukie and intermediate points.

The last grand jury for Umatilla county found about 80 indictments. It indicted all the saloon keepers who kept open on Sunday and also those who sold liquors to minors.

A pottery has been established at Milwaukie and will manufacture glazed ware, tile and other articles. The clay is procured about two miles from there.

C. W. Fitch, county judge of Lane county, died at his residence in Eugene at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Oregon Short Line is now within 120 miles of Boise City, and coming at the rate of one and three-sevenths miles per day.

The Northern Pacific could transfer only two coaches across the Snake river at Ainsworth on the 19th, owing to the ice running.

Wheat has gone up to 95 cents at Salem.

All the houses in Jacksonville are full and more will be built in the spring to accommodate the demand.

A terrible explosion of the Giant Powder Works at Berkley, Cal., occurred last Sunday. It is not known how the accident occurred. From a partial examination made, it is supposed that 40 Chinamen and one white man were killed.

A large number of improvements are contemplated at Salem this Spring.

Father Wilbur has offered to donate \$1,000 to the Willamette University.

John Bauer was acquitted of the murder of Alexander at Astoria last Friday.

Owen Henry, an employee of the Kwappa mills, died very suddenly last Friday.

The lumber business is being vigorously prosecuted in Clarke county, most of the logs and timber rafted being taken to Portland.

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A mainmast is being hewed for the ship *Dashing Wave*, at Tacoma.

Eastern.

Two feet of snow fell in Chicago on the 17th, which seriously impeded travel.

Nearly a dozen business houses were burned on the 17th at St. Lawrence.

It is believed that Schiller, the supposed Milwaukie incendiary, is in the Lane county jail, at Madison.

At Omaha on the 19th the mercury was 26 degrees below zero.

There were 463 patients under treatment at Baltimore, last Saturday, with the smallpox.

A fire on the 18th destroyed nearly two thirds of the town of Cisco, Texas.

Two more bodies were found on the 18th in the Milwaukee ruins, making 45 in all.

McAuthor, Ohio, had a \$50,000 fire 18th inst.

A heavy snow storm raged all over Nebraska on the 18th.

The royal party left Richmond for Charleston on the 18th.

The committee to collect funds in St. Louis for the German flood sufferers, telegraphed \$30,000 to the president of the German parliament.

One workman was killed and one fatally hurt by the falling of a platform seventy feet at Freemont, Ohio.

The anthracite coal companies suspended production on the 18th, 19th, 20th of this month, in Pennsylvania.

A company is organizing in Portland, Me., with \$200,000 capital to buy Cushing's Island, Maine, and fix it up as a summer resort.

The losses of money and jewelry sustained by guests of the Planter's house St. Louis, during the fire Sunday morning give color to a story that burglars started the flames.

The brig *Imlee Kirchsstag* arrived at Brooklyn the 16th. She had on board six seamen who were so badly frozen as to necessitate their removal to the hospital.

It is thought the feet of two or three will have to be amputated.

A fire on the 16th, burned the nail factory, one of the largest in the United States, at Cumings' Station, 25 miles from Chicago. The factory and machinery cost \$200,000. In addition to this was a stock of at least \$15,000 kegs of nails, and probably much more, and a large and valuable collection of patterns.

The cold was intense on the 10th in Nebraska, Kansas, Utah, and Colorado.

Last Thursday night Harvey Taylor of Richfield springs killed his wife and mother-in-law, and then hanged himself.

Of the 177 people in the Newhall hotel, 176 have been accounted for, as follows: Identified, 28; not identified, 46; saved, 102; still missing, 1; making a total loss of life of 75.

An unclaimed trunk at the express office in New York contains the body of a young girl about 14 years of age. It is a mystery as to who she is.

Capt Davis, of the steamship *Canima*, which arrived from Halifax, on the 20th reports that when off the end of Long Island, he was run into by the brigantine *Mariposa*, which sank shortly after.

wards. One of her scaman, a young man named Charles H. Powers, was saved, but the other members of the crew of the lost vessel were all drowned.

The machine shops of the Great Western Machine Company at Leavenworth were destroyed by fire; loss, \$75,000

Foreign.

Six hundred houses in Mohees are flooded and half have fallen in.

The steamship *Helvetia*, from New York, lost her fourth officer overboard.

An American bark had two of her men washed away. Weather terrific on the Atlantic.

The railway strike in Scotland has extended to the Dundee. Employees at Forfar and Perth will follow the example to-night.

Cooper, Hall & Co., commission merchants and bankers, London, failed for \$2,000,000. The failure is due to large lock-ups of capital and liabilities on railway contracts in Brazil and Canada. The failure will not seriously effect London capitalists.

Crown Prince Rudolph has abandoned his journey to the east, and has resolved to devote a portion of the sum the trip would cost for the relief of distress in the flooded districts.

A great land slide occurred in the valley of Fauges, The village of Mara, Switzerland, was completely destroyed by an enormous amount of earth, rocks and trees, dislodged by the recent snow storms.

Guillaume Geefs, the eminent Belgian sculptor, is dead.

The *Cimbria* was sunk Friday morning twelve miles southwest of Baskum by the British steamer *Sultan*. She sunk in fifteen minutes after the collision. It is feared the loss of life has been great.

The largest gasometer at Glasgow exploded on the 21st. Eight persons were injured.

Prince Frederick Charles Alexander, brother of the Emperor of Germany, died on the 20th, aged 82. In consequence of the death of Prince Charles festivities in honor of the silver wedding of crown Prince Frederick have been abandoned.

The death of Prince Charles has cast a gloom over the city. Flags are everywhere at half mast. The emperor is very much affected.

Business Locals.

If you want to get a picture copied or enlarged or a lot of fine views of Oregon and Columbia river scenery, or a dozen first-class photographs any size, go to I. G. Davidson, the busiest and most successful photographer in Portland.

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.