

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Monmouth and Vicinity.

Some new students have arrived this week for Christian College.

There has been some sickness in Monmouth of late, but nothing serious we believe.

One of our printers, Luther Rowland, who has been disabled for several days on account of contracting a bad cold, is again at his case in the office.

It is not often that we have much ice in this part of Oregon; hence the young people (and some of the older ones) of Monmouth have made the best of the short skating season. Even the Editor and his wife caught the skating mania and went skating by moon-shine. What next?

Several days ago we were suffering with a severe cold, and Dr. Waterhouse gave us a bottle of his Balsam of Life for trial. We soon got well, and therefore the Balsam cured us. Isn't this logical? But seriously we think his medicine did us good, and we recommend it to all suffering with a bad cold.

THE WEATHER.—Mark Twain's description of Oregon weather would come in place about now. It seems to us that during the last two weeks it has been clear and cloudy, cold and hot, pleasant and unpleasant, raining and snowing, freezing and thawing, calm and stormy, muddy and dry, such like etc., all at the same time. Yet we have no complaint to make. In fact we rather like Oregon weather!

Pacific Coast.

Wood is \$10 per cord at Dayton.

Wheat is 93 cents per bushel at the Albany mills.

New Tacoma is to have a new county jail. Another evidence of advancing prosperity.

Last Saturday the mercury stood 20 to 25 degrees below zero at Pendleton.

A \$2,500,000 grain firm has been organized in San Francisco under the firm name of Star & Co.

There are seven cases of diphtheria at Albany; also in the vicinity of Scio.

On the 7th, was the first time in two years the mail failed to connect between Portland and Astoria.

The people of Lane county are anxiously awaiting the appointment of a county judge, as much business is accumulating.

It is claimed that there is an immense body of coal on the Siletz reservation, which, if it could be mined, would prove of inestimable value to the bay region.

There is a probability that Linn and Marion counties will build a bridge across the Santiam near Jefferson.

George Fouts, the smallpox patient at Dayton, W. T., died on the 7th. Another person has also contracted the disease, and it is reported some of Mr. Black's family, where Fouts was stopping, have taken it.

The fire at Cheney, W. T., a few days ago originated in Straub's bakery at 4 o'clock a. m., and got a good start before people were aroused. Eight buildings were destroyed. The citizens turned out and fought the fire and saved the

town.

Col. Harry T. Hammond died at Los Angeles on the 9th.

Another saw mill is said to be a want needing to be supplied at Salem.

The scarlet fever has proved quite fatal in Jackson county.

A gentleman is at Silverton looking around with a view of starting a tannery.

The court of inquiry into the loss of steamship *Tacoma* will commence about the 15th at San Francisco.

Sheriff Baird, of Nez Perce county, Idaho, froze one of his fingers while riding from Pomeroy to Lewiston.

Maud Bybee, daughter of ex-Sheriff Bybee, died at Jacksonville last week of scarlet fever, also Alex., his son, from the same disease.

The residence of A. Lamb, at Ashland, was destroyed by fire on the 3d. The household goods were nearly all saved.

The Dayton, W. T. *Journal* reports that the cold weather last week had bad effect on cattle, and many were dying.

A new coal vein, fifteen feet thick, has been discovered up the Skagit river, and is said to be the best find of coal yet made in that vicinity. The vein is thoroughly bituminous.

D. L. Turpin's residence at Corvallis was burned at 8 o'clock p. m. on the 11th. Loss, \$2,500.

A giant powder explosion occurred at Port Townsend on the 10th, by which two small boys were burned and another seriously injured. It appears the boys stole the powder from a warehouse and threw it into the fire, when it blew up, causing a report like the discharge of a cannon.

Eastern.

Chas. Baldwin Sedgwick, member of congress in 1764, died on the 8th at Syracuse, N. Y.

On the 9th the Ohio river was 57 feet and three inches above low water mark and rising two inches per hour.

Ex-Governor Davis, of Texas, died on the 8th.

On the 9th B. J. Grear's saw mill at Charlotte, Mich., blew up instantly killing the proprietor and Wm. Gordon, the engineer.

The Governor of Missouri has declined to deliver up Frank James to the authorities of Minnesota.

The river at Wheeling, W. Va., reached, on the 8th, 37 1/2 feet above low water mark.

It is stated that 150 bodies have been stolen from graveyards in the vicinity of Montreal during the Winter, one-half of which were sent to medical schools in the United States.

Richard Keese, last surviving member of the 20th congress, died at Keeseville, N. Y., on the 7th inst. He was born on the 23d of November, 1794.

At Taylorville, Ill., by a boiler explosion on the 9th, four men were killed and two more fatally injured.

The damage by inundation in the vicinity of Pittsburg is \$100,000. A like amount will cover the loss up the Monongahela valley.

The New Jersey legislature has prepared a bill to prohibit the employment of children in factories under 10 years

of age, and under 14 without two years of schooling.

Hon. Marshall Jewell died on the 11th at Hartford, Connecticut.

William Wadsworth, the last surviving son of the poet, is dead.

The British gunboat *Red Wing* has made another fruitless attempt to reach the island of Innismurray with stores of the starving inhabitants.

Archbishop Croke of Cashel writes confirming the widespread and fearful distress prevailing in the counties of Mayo, Donegal, Clore and Sligo.

By the storm of the 9th and 10th it is estimated that from sixty to one hundred large iron and wooden bridges were swept away throughout the State of Ohio, and nearly as many in Pennsylvania. The losses will run up into many millions.

Wyoming protests to giving the Yellowstone to Montana.

Wm. E. Dodge, a wealthy New York merchant, died on the 9th.

The mail was robbed at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, depot on the 9th.

A fire at Rondout, N. Y. on 11th destroyed a large storehouse and setting fire to the steamboat *City of Catskill*, which burned to the water's edge. Loss \$150,000.

A coach which left Pacific Springs, on the Sweet Water stage line, last week was caught in the storm of the 9th. The coach was abandoned and the party started back on foot to the station. The driver, W. J. Stewart, was found frozen to death standing in the snow, and Thos. Scot, superintendent, was found standing up in the snow, frozen so that he could not move. He will lose his hands and feet. W. V. Clark, a passenger, has not been found.

The Illinois *Central* announces the completion of arrangement for the sale of through tickets from Chicago to San Francisco. The route will be over its line to New Orleans, thence to San Francisco over the Southern Pacific. Rates will be the same as by other lines. The route is five hundred miles longer than the Central and Union Pacific lines but managers believe that the greater comfort to winter traveling in traversing the Southern route will induce many to go the other way.

A Broadway dealer sold strawberries on Saturday at the rate of \$10 a quart. They were hothouse berries from New Jersey. He received a few quarts of the fruit on Wednesday, and a few more quarts Saturday. They were not sold by the quart but in little baskets holding from four to a dozen berries each. Twenty-five cents was obtained for each berry, at which rate a bushel would have cost \$320. The same dealer expects peaches this week, which will cost \$3 each.

Foreign.

A steamer of about 1,500 tons burthen foundered off Cape Cornwall on the 9th. It was impossible to render assistance.

Field Marshall Hanstab, of Austria is dead.

Another earthquake at Archena Spain lasted about five minutes. No damage was done.

The Emperor of China telegraphed his

congratulations to the Crown Prince on the occasion of his silver wedding. This is the first telegram ever sent by the Chinese sovereign to a European Prince.

The sleet storm at New York which, at the beginning, threatened to bring disaster upon the telgraph wires and property, fortunately quickly changed to a warm, heavy rain, turning the ice into slush.

The schooner *L. J. Carney* has been lost near St. Johns, New Brunswick, with all hands.

The British steamship *Labrador* reports that February 9, off Nantucket, she passed the British steamship *Egbert*, from Newcastle for Philadelphia with the British steamship *State of Georgia* in tow.

It is reported that the British steamer *Keamure Castle*, 2,000 tons burthen, bound from London to Shanghai, via Suez canal, has been lost. All passengers saved. Many of the crew were drowned.

The report of the loss of the steamer *Keamure Castle* is confirmed. She foundered in the Bay of Biscay on the 2d of February, and was only able to launch one boat containing all passengers, numbering eight, and eight of the crew, out of forty.

Business Locals.

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