

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MONMOUTH AND VICINITY.

Ladies wishing dresses cut and fit, or made up in the latest styles, should call upon Miss Paradine Doughty, at Miss Emma Waller's Millinery Store.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL.—The District School will open on Monday September 24th and continue for nine months. This will require a rate bill of about \$2.50 per scholar for each term of three months. The amount of the rate bill will be due for the remainder of the term at the time the scholar enters school. All scholars will be counted in regular attendance from the time they enter to the end of that three months term, unless their parents give notice to the teacher in charge of their withdrawal.

JOSEPH CRAVEN,
R. M. SMITH,
JOHN WOLVERTON,

Directors of School District No. 13.

OPENING OF THE OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL.

[As the body of our paper was made up before the opening of the school, we give place on our local page this week for a brief synopsis of the opening exercises by our special reporter.—
ED. HERALD.]

On Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, the Opening Exercises of the Oregon Normal School for the coming year, formally began, by the audience listening to a song by the choir, and prayer by Elder J. F. Floyd. Hon. J. D. Lee, of Dallas, then was introduced to the audience, who in his well-timed remarks spoke of the pleasure afforded him in being able to be present and participate in exercises so important and amid prospects so flattering for a successful school-year in the Normal School of Monmouth. With many encouraging remarks to students and teachers he called upon Hon. Judge Truitt, of Dallas. He also was much pleased to see the interest manifested in Normal work by the people of Oregon in so supporting by patronage their own institution. In the eastern states they are rapidly getting to see the importance of thorough Normal work. Strong men in Germany are teaching the children. The German maxim is, "If you want anything learned in the nation, put it in the schools." Solo by Prof. J. M. Powell, President Stanley then read an address to the audience showing the benefits, and history of Normal Schools. They were at first called by New York politicians expensive nuisances, etc., but are now there regarded very necessary to good school work.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song by choir.

Address by State Supt. E. B. McElroy, who said he was only a substitute for an orator, (J. F. Caples) than whom, there was not a greater in the State of Oregon. He was what is termed in these rail road days the last spike for the occasion. He then addressed the audience upon the subject, "Normal Schools and the necessity of their organization." The speaker showed that strictly and correctly normal schools should train to teach, and not have to

supply instruction. Let other schools give them instruction and let the normal school only give methods. But in this country, at the present time the student has to both learn the subject and how to teach it in the normal school. The speaker then gave an analysis of course of study to be carried out in a successful normal school. His address was instructive, interesting, and well chosen. Then came a spicy speech by Hon. A. M. Campbell, proprietor of the *Wheeling Intelligencer*, who was so largely instrumental in procuring the nomination of President James A. Garfield for which he was presented with a very fine painting by the citizens of Wheeling, West Va.

Mr. Campbell has a charming manner of delivery. He began by saying that since he set out from his home in the East he had been subjected to a series of surprises, and no surprise greater than the one to-day. He said he was heart and hand for education. For what is Law, Medicine, Theology or Agriculture, if not based on the science of education. The Anglo-Saxon race has driven the aborigines from their lands on account of their superiority in mental culture. The fittest always survive. The far West even is dotted with school houses. The Western people are noted for enterprise in their educational work. In his own state the people have not made the advancement they ought on account of certain institutions that have existed. In his school days the dull boy's intellect was quickened with the birch-rod. But now we have schools for training the teacher, so he may have other ways than that of beating sense into a dull boy. He said it is not necessary for him to argue the point of economy for the state to have schools rather than penitentiaries. Crime and ignorance go hand in hand. Then let the people improve their schools. Let them have better teaching by training the teachers in Normal Schools. He said he believed in improvement. As a journalist he had always favored schools. He is a racy thinker and good speaker. The exercises were then closed by Elder J. W. Spriggs pronouncing the benediction.

An old time resident remarked that there were more students from abroad than had been in attendance for ten years upon the first day.

The prospects are very good for a prosperous year.

PACIFIC COAST.

Walla Walla county owes \$28,000 on her new court house.

The body of John Bright, one of the two men drowned on the 6th at Seattle, has been recovered.

F. G. Nichols, late of Prineville, attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum at the Eugene bridge a few days ago, but a doctor saved his life.

Ad Dleber, who was shot by Chas. Besserer, is recovering, but swears vengeance when he recovers. He may get a dose that will settle him for good.

The telegraph announces the appointment of James F. Leggett, of Leavenworth, Kansas, as one of the commissioners to examine seventy-five miles of the Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Leg-

gett is the same man who, in 1880, was appointed governor of Washington Territory by President Grant, but who never came to the territory and was never qualified.

The Northern Pacific company has made a special feature of emigrant accommodations. The cars are large, supplied with a stove for cooking, sink for washing dishes, and each passenger is supplied with a sleeping berth and mattress. The berths for ladies are supplied with curtains. The emigrant fare will be \$50.

Wm. Altnow, a pioneer cattleman, and whose ranch at the head of Pine creek many Heppner people have passed on their way to Antelope, was recently bitten by a rattlesnake in Otis valley in the Malheur country. He was cutting some sage brush for the camp fire, when he suddenly felt a sting, as of a briar, on the forefinger of his left hand. He then walked about ten steps to the fire, when he suddenly fell, faint and blind. His brother immediately heated an iron and deeply seared the wound. The unfortunate man was brought to Canyon City. His arm and portions of his left side and leg were greatly swollen and discolored, being of a purple black color. After arriving he was attacked with hemorrhage of the nose and bled almost to death before the blood could be checked. He is now in a fair way to recovery, the swelling and pain having greatly subsided.

Seventy-five men are working on the line at Tittusville, the present terminus and one hundred and twenty-five more at Black river. About sixty horses and carts are employed in grading at different points. These, besides the tents on the line of construction, of which there are a large number, are the property of the N. P. R. R., and were transferred here from Montana.

HANDSOME CARS.—The splendid train in which Mr. Villard brought his guests to this city, has attracted much attention from our people. The car owned by E. U. Talbot, editor of the *Railway Age*, is a magnificent affair, and worth a visit. Those who desire to have a look at these railway equipments will be offered an opportunity to-day between 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. The train is sidetracked opposite the railway ferry.

THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE RAIL.—Among the distinguished guests accompanying Mr. Villard, is Samuel G. Rathbone, Esq., Member of Parliament from Lancashire, England. Mr. Rathbone exhibits a pardonable pride in recalling and mentioning the fact that he was an interested on looker when the first rail over which a steam engine or locomotive ever passed, was laid. The time, we think, was in 1831, and the scene of the affair, on the line of the Liverpool and Manchester railway.

The Villard guests, with the exception of the majority of the journalists, returned to Portland yesterday afternoon and last evening, and if the programme is adhered to, will leave by the special trains at 7 P. M. for Walla Walla and other points in Eastern Washington. They will arrive in that city early on Monday, and be entertained by the people.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Hodgins & Chamness, Independence, Or., at the Post-Office Store, have on hand a full stock of School Books and School Supplies of all kinds. Groceries and Provisions, imported and domestic, Cigars, Tobaccos, Candies and Nuts of all kinds always on hand. Give us a call. School Books a speciality.

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