

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MONMOUTH AND VICINITY.

Mrs. F. M. Murphy, of Eugene, is visiting relatives in town.

Sister Judge Butler has our thanks for some nice peaches sent to this office.

The people of Monmouth are busy preparing for the opening of the school next week.

We acknowledge an invitation to the quilting at Mrs. S. S. Whitman's tomorrow, Friday.

Our recent rains have had a good effect in driving away the smoke from the valley and giving us some more sunny days.

Bro. P. H. Murphy has our thanks for some nice musk melons. He showed us one he raised which was 22 in. long and weighed 7 lbs.

Miss Ida Murphy has been suffering severely with a carbuncle on her hand, but is improving. She has our sympathy, for we know what such suffering means.

To DISTRICT PATRONS.—Pupils who were last year in the Fifth Reader or higher grades are invited to be present at the opening next Tuesday and be organized into classes with the regular college work. No change will be made for the attendance the first week. The Primary will not begin till the following Monday as ordered by the directors.

D. T. STANLEY,
President Christian College.

Opening exercises of Christian College at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, September 18, '83, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PROGRAMME.

Opening chorus.

Prayer,..... Eld. J. W. Spriggs, Salem.
Anthem,..... Choir.
Opening Address, Hon. J. F. Caples, Portland.
Glee,..... Glee Club.
Short speeches by members of the Polk Co. legislative delegation and others.
Song Quartette—Dedicated to the public schools of Oregon.
Announcements and adjournment.

Every citizen of the State is hereby invited to be present at the Opening Exercises, or to visit the school any day in the year.

PACIFIC COAST.

The *News* office, Portland, is in receipt of a communication stating that one Mrs. B. Rosenthal, of Portland, formerly of Virginia City, was the first lady who rode over the Northern Pacific Railroad line.

THE LAST SPIKE.—The last spike ceremonies took place at 6 o'clock Helena time, and quarter-past 5 Portland time. The strokes were announced in Portland by taps on the fire bell and the blowing of the Hydraulic Elevator Company's big whistle. The delay in the time set for the driving of the last spike was occasioned by a freight train getting off the track this side of Missoula and thereby preventing the Western guests arriving on time. No other accident occurred.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—Submarine cables are about to be laid by the signal service under the supervision of Lieutenant James Allen, of the Third United States Cavalry, the importance of which is not easy to over-estimate. Work is

progressing on the cables between the main land and Alcatraz and Angel Islands. The cables will be completed next week. A cable for the mouth of the Columbia river to connect Fort Canby and Fort Stevens will be shipped next week. A signal station has been built at Fort Canby. As soon as it is placed all vessels arriving in the Columbia river will be reported. By means of the international code messages will be sent to all vessels capable of receiving them. As soon as it is finished the cable for Tatoosh island, Puget Sound, will be shipped. It will connect the island with the mainland. Full meteorological reports will be sent to all cities on the

Pacific coast. The first news of many approaching storms will precede their arrival in time to guard against damage. One important part of the work to be performed in connection with the laying of the northern cable, will be reporting vessels needing assistance, so help may be sent. The Columbia river cable will be about four miles long. The Tatoosh island cable is two miles long. There will be about five miles of cable in San Francisco harbor.

The people of the northeastern part of Marion county and the southeastern portion of Clackamas county want a narrow gauge railroad constructed from Silverton running north and east to the iron coal mines and the lime rock beds, and thence to Portland. It is a worthy enterprise, and should be encouraged.

The little steamer *Wasp* found the steamer *Myrtle* on a sand flat, near Centerville, Coos river, and in pulling her off the *Wasp* was capsized. She will soon be raised.

The coal mines at Marshfield, Coos county, seem to have passed into the hands of a San Francisco company.

A son of J. W. Wiggle, who lives in Benton county, left home about a year ago, and no word was ever received from him until a few days ago, when a letter was received stating that he had arrived in Dublin, Ireland, as a "bold sailor boy."

A flash of lightning struck a Mr. Starr's house in Corvallis, and tore things up in a rather lively manner a few days since but no one was hurt. At the same time a maple tree was struck in the same city and torn to pieces; also a woodshed of W. C. Crawford's was battered up a little. But strange to say no politician was struck.

The saloon of Wm. Voigt, at Albany, was burglarized a few nights ago to the amount of \$26.50.

The burden of all the speaking at the grand consumation on Saturday, Sept 8, was, of course, the era marked by the completion of the road, the special debt of admiration and gratitude due Mr. Villard, and the history of the road as it passed from its inception through the hands of its various Presidents. The foreign visitors praised everything in the entire country, and the Governors of the States seized upon the occasion to to advertise their several sections.

The inadequacy of telegraphic communication with Portland was never more keenly felt than on the spike-driving occasion.

The Indians, who tried to prevent the building of the road, were present at

the spikedriving in gay colors and high feathers.

Everybody who had anything to do with the making of the Northern Pacific Railroad was represented, except the Chinese. They were not to be seen.

The last spike was not gold, and it transpires that it had never been officially so designated. It was the same old rusty spike that was first driven, thirteen years ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—George Barstow, a prominent lawyer of this city, and for many years a member of the State Legislature, died yesterday of cancer in the stomach, aged 71 years.

An attempt is going to be made to operate the Mission street railroad by electricity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—The pastors of many of the churches in this city last night severely criticized Henry Ward Beecher and his doctrines. Some of them describe him as a "Fallen Church Star." Others characterize him as nothing better than a "Sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." Others again claimed that his doctrine of evolution presents nothing, and that all that he advances has been long ago told by men of greater intelligence than ever he possessed.

Dr. F. F. Cabiness, surgeon at Fort Stevens, says the fort will be abandoned some time during this fall. This step is rendered necessary by the encroachments of the ocean upon the land, a good portion of the point being already washed away.

The steamer *W. K. Merwin* broke her shaft to-day, and will have to lay by until she can get a new one from Portland.

The steamship *Umatilla* has just completed a round trip from Seattle to San Francisco and back in eight days and 24 hours, the quickest time on record over that route. The same steamer took hence three cargoes of coal last month, a feat never accomplished by any other ship.

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.

Farmers Mercantile Association of Monmouth are receiving a very fine assortment of goods complete in every department for the spring trade. Dress Goods and Trimmings of the latest styles, Mens and Boys Clothing, a splendid assortment of Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Fancy and Staple Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Glass-ware, Tin-ware, &c., &c. Remember you can save money by dealing with this establishment.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

THE SALEM FLOURING MILLS Company having bought the Farmers' Warehouse at Independence, will receive Wheat in store on usual terms, subject to order, and pay the highest market price at any time the storer may wish to sell. Sacks furnished free of charge to move the Wheat to the Warehouse. For further particulars inquire of the Agent at Independence,

W. P. CONNAWAY, AGENT;

ALLEN & OSBORN

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Polk County

That they have just received the
largest assortment of

**CASKETS,
BURIAL CASES,**

AND

BURIAL ROBES,

That was ever brought to the
County, and their prices are
lower than were ever sold

here before.

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We also have the largest stock of

FURNITURE

In the County, which we offer at
very low prices.

We thank the public for past
favors, and hope, by fair dealing,
to hold their trade and as many
new ones as wish to trade with us.

ALLEN & OSBORN,

INDEPENDENCE, OR.

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TO THE PUBLIC!

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and you will Save Money.

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We will charge you nothing for
showing the Goods and telling the
Prices. Compare them with other
firms.

We have just received

**50 Different Patterns of French
Imported Pants Goods
Latest Styles.**

A fine assortment of

LADIES DOLMANS,

Ladies & Children's Ulsters,

**CASHMERES OF ALL SHADES,
ALL WOOL.**

A large assortment of CLOTH for
Cloaks or Ulsters.

Last, but not the least, a good
assortment of

BUCKINGHAM & HECHTS'

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Which can't be beat.

Remember the Red Brick Store
of

Rosendorf & Hirschberg,

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