

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MONMOUTH AND VICINITY.

MISS MILLIE DOUGHTY, EDITOR.

Local matter scarce.

Mr. Thos. Rash left on Wednesday for Eastern Oregon.

The Ladies Missionary Society met on last Saturday evening.

Mr. Henderson Murphy, of Blalock, W. T., made town a flying visit last week.

Mrs. Berry Riggs and daughter, Miss Annie, of Dallas, made town a short call on Saturday.

Prof. D. T. Stanley is suffering from neuralgia. He was unable to be in school on Tuesday.

Mr. John B. Stump who has been very sick for sometime past with fever, is slowly recovering.

Bro. E. M. Waller preached at this place on last Sunday. He will preach at Amity next Lord's day.

Miss Fannie Griggs has returned to her home at Junction City, after having spent some time visiting friends of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawley, of McCoy, were visiting friends and relatives of Monmouth and vicinity the first of the week.

Mr. Cox who has been teaching penmanship in the college at College City, Cal., arrived in Monmouth on Tuesday evening and spent Wednesday visiting the school here.

WHO CAN BEAT THIS?—L. Lemon brought a turnip to this office last Monday that weighed 25 lbs. It was raised on his farm about 2½ miles south-west from Monmouth.

Visitors in large numbers have been attending chapel and class exercises during the past few days. They are always gladly welcomed and shown through the workings of the school with much pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Will C. King, editors of the *Home Guard*, published at Portland, were in attendance at the District Lodge, which convened at this place last week. An excellent lecture was delivered by Mr. King on Wednesday evening at the chapel.

Among the delegates in attendance at the District Lodge last week we notice Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Paul and J. W. Richards, of Oak Grove; Mr. and Mrs. White, from Highland; J. J. Brown, from Dallas; J. K. P. Cavitt, from Zena; Mr. Thos. Strain, of Eola.

PACIFIC COAST.

An otter six feet long was caught in the Yamhill river, a short time ago.

Seven coyotes were recently killed in the vicinity of Newberg, Yamhill county.

On the morning of the 5th inst. the tide at Tacoma registered higher than any time this season.

The earnings of the Union Pacific Railroad for the eleven months which ended November 30th was \$27,363,779.

Snake river is eight inches lower than ever before known, but the steamers are still running between Lewiston and Riparia.

A change from forty-two degrees above to seven and one half below zero in twenty-four hours, was the experience at Dayton, W. T.

Stock looks well in Eastern Oregon. There are two mail robbers in jail at Roseburg, Oregon.

The mails between Glendale and Grant's Pass, Oregon, are carried by Wells Fargo & Co.

The Pendleton *Tribune* says the flouring mill is making two hundred barrels of first quality of flour daily. The reputation of the flour made by that mill is such that it takes that amount to supply the present demand.

The Albany *Democrat* claims that in Lion county in this state, the acreage of wheat sown this fall is 25 per cent more than a year ago.

St. Helens the county seat of Columbia county has a population of 300 pupils, good schools, lodges, churches and other public buildings.

Work on the Nestucca quicksilver mines still continues. Prospectors have tunnelled into the mountains about eighty feet, and are confident that they will soon strike it rich.

Work on the Oregon Pacific Railroad, to run from Corvallis to Yaquina bay, which has been suspended for four months, was resumed last week. Three hundred Chinese were put to work and their number will be increased as the weather improves, which will be soon.

Seattle has expended \$100,000 in the way of water works since January, 1883; ten miles of streets have been graded, and \$700,000 expended in new buildings.

The gold and silver mines on the south fork of the Puyallup river are being rapidly developed. The rock assays about \$50 a ton, and some as high as \$54.

The third bridge across the Columbia, at Clark's Fork, is now under construction. It is to be an iron bridge, and, when completed, one of the most substantial on the line of the Northern Pacific.

At the re-union exercises of Whitman College, in Walla Walla, the students presented President Anderson with a handsome Bible. The college is in a very prosperous condition under the management of Dr. Anderson.

There have been filed, through the clerk of the District court at this place, says the Goldendale, W. T., *Sentinel*, forty-two preemption and fifty-six homesteads and thirty timber culture claims for lands in this county, in the year 1883. These filings cover 180,200 acres of land. There have also been made before that officer, final proofs as follows, to-wit: Nine preemptions, thirty-nine homesteads and two timber culture claims, covering 7,080 acres.

Writing of the Oregon and California railroad, the Yreka *Journal* says: The Oregon railroad work is moving along at a rapid rate, a mile and a half of track being laid some days along the level country through which it is now being built to and through Rogue river valley. From the promises made by the officers and managers of the Central Pacific, it is the intention to string men all along the California branch of the Oregon road next spring, and crowd the work

with energy regardless of cost, to be ready for connection as soon as the Oregon branch is ready. The most difficult portion of the road, from Redding to this place, is between Redding and the Sacramento bridge, where five tunnels are under headway, and as soon as the 1,900-foot tunnel is completed, the cars run to Sacramento bridge. All the rest of the way no extensive tunnels are required, and the bridges, trestle work, etc., are already to be sent on as the construction trains are enabled to reach each point where bridges and trestles are needed. When Shasta valley is reached it will take but a short time to reach Klamath river and the Oregon boundary, so that really the only difficult work to be accomplished next summer will be upon a portion of the forty-five miles between Sacramento bridge and Strawberry valley, and a small portion of the eight or nine miles between Klamath river and the Oregon line.

EASTERN.

The Winnipeg *Times* anticipates a hard winter for many people in that burg. This year a large number of young men came out from the old country, many of whom had no trade or calling. Some obtained poorly-paid employment during the summer, but are now out of work. Others had money, but have lost it in speculation, while still others squandered their means in fast living. Thus great numbers are reduced to want, and upon the humane will devolve the task of keeping them from starvation.

Governor Butler, in an interview, denied that he was going to open his house in Washington, or that he was going there this winter to live. He says: "It is not true that I engaged the *National View* newspaper to start my nomination for the presidency. I have had no communication with that paper at all, and did not know anything about what it was going to do until after it was done. Report says that I can start my presidential boom better from Washington than from Lowell. I respectfully submit that I could not. In the first place I have no presidential boom to start, and if I had I think Lowell would be a better place to start one than Washington, because there are so many started there that there might be a collision; better start one in the back woods."

Some funny disclosures are made by the report upon expenditures of the senate, just printed in the senate document report. It shows that during the last fiscal year 960 quarts Apollinaris and 516 quarts of Bethesda water were consumed by senators and paid for out of the fund. It has been the custom of the senate for years to have Apollinaris water kept in the cloak room during the warm weather, but two or three years ago, at the solicitation of several senators who prefer Bethesda to Apollinaris, the former was also made a senatorial beverage. The waters are kept on ice during every day the senate is in session. The report also shows that 2,100 two grain quinine pills were purchased, an average of nearly fifty-four grains to each senator. The expenses of committees amounted to \$15,000, and to cover

expenses in defending claimants to their seats, Ingalls got \$8,195, Kellogg \$9,550, and Butler \$3,500. Lunch for senators on occasions when they were in executive session all night cost \$175.

CORRECTION.

Dear Herald:

My piece last week should have read, Rock Island has over 1,100 acres, instead of 11,000. Further on, a large number of them captured of rebels, instead of larger. Referring to churches getting along no better than here, I only had allusion to those where I met. I learn that in Missouri, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas and other places are doing nobly. A. W. L.

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