

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MONMOUTH AND VICINITY.

MISS MILLIE DOUGHTY, EDITOR.

Mr. John Griggs is visiting at Junction City.

Mr. John Powell, from near Albany, is making Monmouth a visit.

Mr. A. B. Griggs killed a nice beef for the market here on Tuesday.

Miss Ollie Butler, of Dallas, made relatives of this place a visit last week.

We notice Bro. I. G. Davidson, of Portland, on our streets Wednesday morning.

The Ladies Aid Society meets on Thursday afternoon of each week, in the room above Judge Dawson's drug store.

John Doughty had the misfortune on Wednesday of last week of dislocating his right shoulder. Was re-set by Dr. Lee, and is about all right again.

Messrs. A. Goodman, Ira Smith, Pierce Riggs and J. Alexander, of Independence, was in attendance at Sunday-school at this place on last Lord's day.

The January meeting of the teachers of Polk county, will be held at this place on next Saturday, Jan. 13th. All friends of education are invited to attend.

Mr. Frank W. Fenton was in town on Sunday. We understand that he has permanently located at McMinnville, and is a member of the law firm recently established at that place.

The favorable weather is having a good effect upon the growing wheat, of which there is probably more acres sown at this season of the year, than ever before in this vicinity.

The prayer meeting on Wednesday evening of each week is growing in interest. A large number was in attendance last week. Bro. P. R. Burnett is an excellent leader in this work.

Miss Mary Stump, office editor and business manager of the HERALD, who has been sick during the past two weeks is recovering, also Miss Cassie Stump is at present very sick with intermittent fever.

The Sunday-school, under the excellent management of Prof. W. E. Yates, as superintendent, is making fine progress. There were 151 students in the regular classes on last Sunday, and much interest is taken in the work.

Mr. A. P. Churchill who was formerly a resident of this place for many years and compositor on the *Christian Messenger* published at this office, has purchased a half interest in the *Corvallis Gazette*, and printing office connected therewith. Alva is an efficient printer and a young man of experience in the newspaper work. We join with his many friends in wishing him success.

PACIFIC COAST.

Speaker Carlisle stands a very good chance of being elected Senator from Kentucky.

Gov. Newell has appointed his daughter territorial librarian and his son executive clerk.

The steam yacht *Arrow* has been purchased for Lake Washington trade.

Medford, Oregon, is having a real es-

tate boom. A dozen houses are in course of erection there.

The Baptist Beacon is a new venture at McMinnville, Oregon. Rev. G. J. Burchett is editor.

One hundred and twenty pupils in the school at Independence, Oregon, says the *West-Side*.

The Hillsboro *Independent* has put in a power press.

M. E. church property at Tacoma is clear of debt.

There are 4,019 people in Klickitat county, W. T.

Lumbermen of Spokane Falls are \$40,000 in the credit of the Northern Pacific Company.

A third wire has been stretched on the line of the Northern Pacific, from St. Paul to Wallula.

The *West Side* gives the following as the financial statement of Independence, Oregon: Cash received for taxes, \$893.48; cash received for licenses, \$778.74; cash received for fines, \$12.50; total cash received, 1883, \$1684.72; balance in treasury at beginning of year, \$114.85; cash paid out in warrants, \$1736.47; balance on hand, \$63.10.

Back of the Columbia river, between the Deschuttes and the John Day, the land has all been taken by actual settlers.

Walla Walla city claims to have a population of 5,900 people. And it is one of the brightest places west of the Missoula.

A sudden rise in the Deschuttes river has caused considerable loss of property, principally in the way of lumber and logs.

Chinamen are being discharged every day at the railroad front, who board the train for Portland, says the *Roseburg Plaindealer*.

Thirty cases of diphtheria are reported at Henly, Cal., near the Oregon line. Yreka doctors say that the disease is in its worst form.

Says the *Marshfield Mail*: During the eight years that Capt. H. R. Reed has had charge of the ship yard here, he has built 11 vessels.

Goldendale W. T., has a population of 623 people.

A. J. Wyatt, who lives on Dry creek, had a well of cold water in his cellar, about six feet deep, until a short time ago, when the well went nearly dry. He then drove a well twenty-eight feet deep near the same place and strange though it may seem, struck water about three times as warm as fresh milk. It is excellent to drink when let stand and cool.

The N. Y. *Sun* referring to the subject of a change in the name of Washington territory says: "The desire of some of the people of Washington Territory to Tahoma, the Indian appellation for one of its lofty mountains, is a natural one. Tahoma though to some ears may not be as sonorous as Oregon, or as attractive as Idaho, is good enough, and the identity of name between Washington the territory and Washington the national capital, not to speak of minor towns, must lead to mistakes in mailing and other business matters. When the territory becomes a state this confusion will be much greater than now, for its name will then be greater than now, for

its name will then be simply Washington, whereas now a safe guard against error can usually be found in adding the word territory."

The mechanical part of a newspaper for the Cœur d'Alene mining district is at the Mission,—perhaps the mining camp by this time.

The indebtedness of Tacoma is placed at \$14,054.97.

A committee of the Board of Trade at The Dalles has raised \$800 by subscription to purchase the land for the Refrigerator Car Company.

Two steamboats have taken out of the Snake river country since last August 7,507 tons of wheat, all raised in a country formerly considered no good.

The Elk Head cinnabar mines shut down last week, after a very successful and satisfactory run of over six months. The furnace and condensers are to be repaired.

Lone Rock, Oregon, prices: Flour, \$6.50; eggs, 30 cents; butter, nowhere; beef, scarce at 8 cents; potatoes, 75 cts.; pork, 10 cents; bacon, 18 cents.

It is estimated that about 1,000,000 feet of logs, belonging mostly to Snopualmie loggers, went out to sea on a late freshet. The loss amounts to about \$6,500.

Every alternate section of land in Kittitas valley has been withdrawn from settlement for the benefit of the Northern Pacific railroad company since 1883. The valley has been held, in suspense and retarded in its growth during all this time, says the *Yakima Signal*, and now there is talk of the railroad going through to the Sound by way of the Natchez pass and leaving Kittitas off to one side.

Every Tuesday evening the patients of the insane asylum at Salem give an entertainment.

FOREIGN.

The emperor, in an address replying to the New Year's greeting of the magistrates, dwells on the unveiling of the monument of Germania at Nederwald and the Luther anniversary. He closes with the prediction that the peace of the empire will be maintained.

It is stated that the Egyptian Government has given orders to evacuate Khar-toum. The guns there are to be spiked and the powder destroyed. It is believed that all the forces will now be concentrated in the defense of Massowah and Snalem.

The *Eaglatte* publishes a decree of the Emperor of China urging energetic resistance to aggressions of the French.

In a letter to the editor of the *Deutsche Rehune*, Marquis Tseng states that if the French threat to exact war indemnity from China, is seriously meant, it is at present premature; for despite the fall of Sontay, China is far from thinking she is on the road to a Sedan, although a word from England, or hint from Germany would make the French pause before creating trouble, the effects of which would be felt for years. Neither power has moved a finger, and perhaps will find out their mistake when the inland tax on foreign commerce, instead of being abolished as intended, comes to be doubled.

When the Egyptians evacuate Khar-toum and the adjacent cities it is estimated that 11,000 Christians and Europeans will fall as victims to Moslem fanaticism unless they can be immediately transported to upper Egypt. It is thought the Government will send a flotilla up the Nile to assist them in their escape—hopes of which are very slender.

The *Figaro* asserts that direct negotiations between China and France will be resumed on a basis of a new frontier for Tonquin and amnesty for the black flags. China also guarantees the free navigation of the Lang Kai river to Loo Kay.

The Chinese fear that the French entertain designs upon Canton and the people are very uneasy. It is reported that Admiral Corbett would advance upon Bac-ninh without awaiting reinforcements.

A sudden change has been noted in the relations of the Khedive and sultan, the latter manifesting a more friendly feeling towards the Khedive. Zebehr Pasha's troops leave Sutz to-day for Snakim, to assist in Baker Pasha's expedition. After accomplishing the relief of these posts he will return to Cairo.

The statement has been published in the United States that the Canadian Government is communicating with Earl Granville in respect to arrangements for a basis for negotiations for a reciprocal treaty between Canada and the United States, including a settlement of the Canadian fishery question, is untrue, so far as the Canadian Government is concerned. It is true, however, that certain large interests in the United States are endeavoring to procure a reciprocal treaty for their benefit without regard to the general question.

The New York Associated Press has elected the following officers: President, David M. Stone, of the *Journal of Commerce*; Secretary, Whitelaw Reid, of the *Tribune*; Executive Committee: Cyrus W. Field, of the *Mail and Express*; Joseph Pulitzer, of the *World*, and David M. Stone, of the *Journal of Commerce*.

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