

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MONMOUTH AND VICINITY.

MISS MILLIE DOUGHTY, EDITOR.

Miss Allie Mellon, of Salem, has been spending the week in town.

Mr. J. Lemons and family, of Salem, were among visitors this week.

Mr. J. B. Stump left on Thursday for Eastern Oregon, where he will make his future home for a few months.

Mr. A. Paffenbarger, one of the editors of the *Farmer and Dairyman*, published at Portland, was in town last Saturday and made the *HERALD* office a pleasant call.

Bro. R. R. Boothby, a delegate from the I. O. G. T., of this place, went to Portland on Tuesday to attend the State Temperance Alliance which convened at that place on Wednesday.

The snow which fell on Saturday and Sunday to the depth of 12 inches has almost disappeared. The farmers say it has been of great benefit, as they now consider the wheat safe from the freeze which preceded the storm.

LECTURE.—H. E. Hayes and Judge R. P. Boise, lecturer of the Oregon State Grange P. of H., will deliver a lecture at Monmouth, on Friday, Feb. 29th, at 7 o'clock P. M. A general invitation extended.

The past week afforded an excellent opportunity for sleigh-riding and snow-balling. The tinkling of the sleigh bells could be heard from all directions, while snow-balling was very freely engaged in by the students and others who heartily enjoy such fun. These occasions are of rare occurrence in this part of Oregon, and all express themselves as highly pleased with the treat.

BORN.

At Lone Rock, Or., Feb. 13, 1884, to the wife of J. P. Lucas, a son.

PACIFIC COAST.

We do not wish to discourage growing our own wheat and, under favorable circumstances, some to sell, but never to be obliged to force a sale, says *The Dalles Sun*. On the other hand, we urge a diversity of farm products; wheat, oats and vegetables, such as turnips, potatoes, carrots, nearly all of which should be eaten on the farm; and for forage plants, short season plants, try the Minnesota Amber sugar cane; this is a superb fodder plant, with a thin, tender bark or rind, and capable of growing a great burden per acre on our soil, prepare to crush and silo it in the cheapest manner and fifty acres will fatten more meat, beef, mutton and pork, than five hundred acres of the natural grass.

A large number of men enroute for the Coeur d'Alene mines have turned back from Rathdrum, Idaho. At that point there are twenty men for every bed. The suffering the present cold snap is very great.

The Alkali, Oregon, correspondent of *The Dalles Sun* is of the opinion that no country in the world can furnish better farming and grazing land than can be found by a day's ride in any direction from Alkali. Those used to, and preferring country life, are fast finding

this out and are applying their bone and sinew accordingly. As a consequence the country is developing rapidly, but there is so much fine country and the opportunities are so immense and diversified that thousands of acres and wondrous changes yet remain to be improved by the sturdy, energetic pioneer.

A gentleman who thinks of leaving the cheerless climate of Iowa wants to know how much grain per acre can be raised on lands in the Yakima country, says the *Yakima Signal*. We will answer by giving the yield of the Wilson brothers, near town in this valley. Last season, from thirty-two acres which they had in wheat, they raised about 1400 bushels, or, on an average of forty-three bushels to the acre. On another tract of five acres they raised sixty-seven and one-fourth bushels to the acre. Their oats averaged something over fifty bushels per acre and their potatoes over 300. These figures are of course often excelled during a good season in this country, but they represent a fair yield and even a much higher average than is often obtained by farmers who put in their crop carelessly and in the spring instead of in the fall.

A Woman's Missionary Society was organized at Marshfield, Oregon, last week and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Bickenback, President; Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Arrington, Secretary; Mrs. O. E. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Emma Stauff, Treasurer.

Douglas county has the largest number of acres of taxable land, Linn the greatest value; Multnomah takes the lead in town lots and improvements, also in merchandise, household furniture and carriages, gross value of property, of indebtedness, of tax, of wealth per capita, and of school children; Union county has the largest number of horses and mules, with the greatest value; Grant county the largest number of cattle and the greatest value; Umatilla the largest number of sheep with the greatest value, and Jackson county the largest number of swine with the greatest value.

Among the new points of interest for settlers in Washington Territory, a writer in the *Tacoma Ledger* describes the Boisport district. He says: The prairie part of the valley is situated about half way from the foot of the mountain to the head of the east branch of the Chehalis river. The general course of the valley is south southeast, and it is from one to one and a half miles wide, is settled up the whole distance on either side of the road (which runs about in the center of the valley) with good substantial farmers to the south edge of the prairie where the timbered part commences. Over thirty years ago this prairie was taken up in donation claims. Its length is about three miles, or a mile to a mile and a half wide. This little settlement has steadily lengthened and broadened until it has become a large settlement, and yet there is room for many more. There is good rich bottom land awaiting pluck and energy. There is plenty of railroad land, but the company has raised the price so high that unless there is some

way provided to dispose of the good timber to advantage, but little will be purchased.

The Oakland, Oregon, Academy is in a prosperous condition, and has a larger attendance than ever before, says the *Roseburg Independent*. Prof. Russell takes great pains in instructing those who are seeking after knowledge, and will make this school second to none in the State.

The "big stories" about Coeur d'Alene have killed the goose that laid the golden egg. The furor about going to the mining district is dying out in Eastern Oregon and Washington Territory.

Says the *Independence West Side*: "While there is life there is hope." The wheat throughout the country still retains its vigorous green color. Is the climate in the Willamette valley undergoing a change? This is a question which a few seasons more will definitely decide. It is absolutely certain that the rainfall for the past few years has been less than years before.

In Naches valley, near Yakima City, W. T., there was made last season more than 3000 gallons of sorghum syrup. It was an experiment which will be followed another year. Twenty-four wagons with eighty persons came last summer from Texas, and the immigrants are scattered around in this valley and in Kittitas.

There is more sickness in and around Waitsburg at the present time, says the *Times*, than there has been at any time during the past six years. In fact there seems to be more or less sickness in almost every family and considerable of it is of a serious nature.

It was chilly in Eastern Washington last Wednesday; at Walla Walla, 19 below; at Colfax, 38 below; at Waitsburg, 21 below; at Goldendale, 33 below.

Eleven hundred people of Eastern Washington petitioned Congress for protection of their titles in the controversy between the N. P. R. R. and themselves.

A petition is being circulated in Dayton, W. T., asking the Secretary of the Interior to furnish information relative to the title of the railroad lands in Columbia county. Those who have settled upon and improved these lands are anxious to know that everything is all right, before they invest, in many cases, their last dollar.

Stock dealers in Walla Walla report that the great loss of cattle in California and the present cold weather in this region will have a tendency to increase the price of beef to a still higher degree. Cattle on the range are much emaciated and many cows and yearling steers have already died.

FOREIGN.

The Pope, commenting on hostilities in Tonquin and the Soudan, exclaimed: "The church has small cause to thank the great western powers for their services in the behalf of civilization and religion. When Africa and Tonquin are pacified we shall be at a point where we were a half century ago."

The Pope has addressed an encyclical letter to French Bishops deploring the moral and intellectual condition of the various European Nations, including

France. He expects the Bishops to do their utmost to remedy the evil.

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Rev. Father Wilds' EXPERIENCE.

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Yours respectfully, Z. P. WILDS."

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