

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MEXMOUTH AND VICINITY.

MISS MILLIE DOUGHTY, EDITOR.

Willie Dawson left on Monday for Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. F. S. Powell is visiting her son, Dr. J. M. Powell, at Lebanon.

Prof. Bennett, of Corvallis, made the school a pleasant call this week.

The Band of Hope entertainment will be given on Friday evening, March 21st.

Miss Minnie Roof, of McMinnville, was visiting friends in town the first of the week.

Mrs. G. Baskett and her daughter, Miss Josie, of Dixie, spent Sunday at this place.

Mr. J. H. Stine, editor the *West Side*, made the HERALD office a pleasant call on Monday.

We notice among visitors this week Dr. James Shelton, Mr. A. S. Powell, of Linn county and H. J. Butler, of Dallas.

The present term of the district school will end on Friday of next week, the 14th, and the third and last term will begin on the following Monday.

The lecture on last Friday evening by Judge Boise and H. E. Hayes, upon the subject of the Grange was good. There are many points of interest connected with this subject, which were forcibly set forth by these gentlemen.

On last Sunday an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. H. M. Waller, upon missionary work. The Christian's work is not confined within the narrow limits of home, but said the Great Teacher the "field is the world," "Go, teach all nations."

A large number was in attendance at Sunday-school on last Lord's day. The interest in this work is constantly renewed by a variety of exercises, consisting of questions, recitations and music, and among which, Miss V. Goodwin's recitation on last Sabbath deserves special notice.

PACIFIC COAST.

Prineville citizens voted down the proposition to build a school-house.

The ice blockade, which has been closing the rivers on the Sound for some time, has at last been raised and navigation is resumed.

Settlers in Pacific county, W. T., on the peninsula between the ocean and Shoalwater Bay, are going into cranberry culture on a large scale.

Benjamin P. Cheney has done another noble act for Spokane county and Washington Territory, says the *Tribune*. A few days ago two large boxes arrived in Cheney for the Academy. When opened by the proper persons the boxes were found to contain a library of about 500 volumes of choice books suitable for all ages of students of the Cheney Academy.

Judging from the petition presented praying for authority to build and operate a railway out of Spokane Falls, the road is to spread out all over the upper country. It will head towards Rockford, thence east to the mines, thence northwest towards Colville and finally steer away into the Big Bend country.

We understand, says the *Albany Democrat*, that a thousand men will soon be at work on the O. P., and assurances are that the produce of the valley can be shipped by way of the same next fall, which we trust will prove true. But in the meantime every effort should be made to obtain a suitable appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at the bay.

The earth's formation under the town of Coquille City, Oregon, is a peculiar one, says the *Herald*, not so much from its make-up as from its original location. The ground is smooth, with a gradual slope back. At the river's edge the land is twelve feet higher than the highest freshet mark, and in going forty rods back you will have made an ascent of about twenty feet. At a uniform depth of from fourteen to sixteen feet you will find a stratum of black mud which is very soft, and in which there are decaying woods and marsh or river deposits. The stratum extends down several feet and then changes to one of sand.

The present year promises to be one of great profit to the hop growers of Puyallup and White river valleys. Already contracts have been made for the sale of the crop of 1884 at remunerative figures. But few growers are likely to sell so early in the season. The experience of many years shows that the proper time to sell hops is when they are picked and baled.

The warm weather of the last few days has melted the snow on the mountains and White and Duwamish rivers are now booming, bank full, say the *Seattle Chronicle*.

The *Baker City Tribune* is the first Oregon paper to fly a Presidential flag. On its folds are inscribed: For President, Robt. T. Lincoln; for Vice President, Jas. G. Blaine.

The Rocky Mountain and Idaho divisions are to be consolidated into one on March 1, with headquarters at Missoula. Mr. Cable is to have charge of the entire jurisdiction. So says the *Sprague Herald*.

The *Spokane Falls Chronicle* has a splendidly written article on the Big Bend country. From the article we take the following: Stretching away to the west for sixty miles, ninety miles north and south, lies the largest area of good agricultural land, in one body, in Washington Territory. Spreading out in swell after swell of rolling prairie to the bluffs on the banks of the Columbia on the west and north, and to the prehistoric lake, before mentioned, and the Badger mountains, lies as fair a country as ever the sun shone on, comprising an area of 3000 square miles which will make 9000 farms of 160 acres each, and leave 500,000 acres in the belt of bluffs on the Columbia and in the Badger mountains, nearly all of which is covered with timber and is fine grazing land. The whole prairie is covered with a tall rank growth of bunch grass, from the great abundance of which it has by many been called the bunch grass country, and the finest farming lands in Washington Territory are the bunch grass sections. The term here is synonymous with sleek fat cattle, and prodigious crops of all the small grains

when applied to a section of the country.

Commenting on the outlook in Washington Territory, the *Sprague Herald* says: The people of Washington Territory have but little conception of the great wave of immigration coming here in the spring. Neither is the fact realized that our new country is talked of, written about or advertised more than any new country in the history of the United States. Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado have had their day of notoriety, but none so great as Washington Territory. Every train from the East drops some here, and the first thing said is that thousands are coming in the spring. Nor will they be disappointed in coming here. Our Territory has the richest and best agricultural lands of any State in the Union. Land of any character and for any purpose lies waiting to be utilized to bring forth abundantly. Good water, rich, deep soil, mild winters and agreeable summers are the first to attract the attention of the settler. But to understand and appreciate all the resources of this community necessitates a close acquaintance with its possibilities.

Counting over a band of 16,000 sheep in Eastern Oregon, it is found that less than 40 died during the winter.

A correspondent writing from Hartland, W. T., to the *Goldendale Sentinel*, says. This part still offers free homes to the emigrants, and possibly a few rich bargains, for claims held by men who are not practical farmers. The advantages of High Prairie over many other parts, are in abundance of timber, equally distributed; plenty of water to be had by digging shallow wells; a rich soil heavily carpeted with the most nutritious of grasses, essentials necessary to make a good farming country. Fruits, so far as tried, have proved a success.

Writing of Whidby Island, the *Port Townsend Argus* says: It is generally understood that Whidby Island contains little, of any, vacant government lands; we, however, incidentally learned that a small tract yet remain in the vicinity of Skagit Head, at the southern extremity of the Island, which is said to be good farming land. Some recent settlements have been made there which, in addition to the settlers already located, have formed a community which now enjoys the advantage of a school, opened lately with Miss H. Condon, of Seattle, as teacher. The nearest post office and trading place to this section has been Port Ludlow, in Jefferson county, 6 or 7 miles distant.

Iron steamer *Yaquina* is on her way from New York to Yaquina Bay to run to San Francisco, in connection with the Oregon Pacific Railway. Two other steamers are to follow for the same line.

There being an abundance of water, quite an area of ground has been washed off at the Cayote Creek mines already. A clean-up is now being made.

Some prospectors from Eugene City—Mr. Whitney, an old Southern Oregon miner, among the number—are investigating the Jackson Creek diggings.

Rathdrum, Idaho, now contains twelve two-story buildings, and fifty one-story structures, with about a dozen

more houses to hear from. Business is lively and a big boom is expected to come with the melting snow.

Last Tuesday, says the *Cheney, W. T., Tribune*, 500 emigrants arrived there. They were from the Middle and Western States, and a thrifty lot of settlers. Many of them had their families with them to remain, while others were looking at the country to report to others.

Several of them said there would be a heavy immigration this year to Washington Territory.

According to the *Olympia, W. T., Transcript*, out of over 1700 United States patents issued for land in Thurston county, only about 200 have been recorded on the county records.

Cougars are making havoc among the sheep in the Black river section, Thurston county, W. T., about a dozen head having been killed within a few days past on the farm of Mr. Thomas Rutledge. The theory is that the late cold weather has driven the cougars down from the mountainous districts in search of food.

My Wife had Fits

"For 35 years," says our correspondent Henry Clark, of Fairfield, Lenawee Co., Mich., "my wife had fits. They would last about an hour, and sometimes longer. Samaritan Nervine has permanently cured her."

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