

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

## MONMOUTH AND VICINITY.

MISS MILLIE DOUGHTY, EDITOR.

The fall sown wheat looks excellent.

Mr. E. Wiles, of Corvallis, was in town on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Campbell, of McMinnville, was among visitors to our town this week.

Mr. Herron and family, from Walla, Walla, W. T., has moved to our town.

State superintendent McElroy, of Salem, made the school a call on Friday.

Rev. Hirschner, of Corvallis, while in town this week made the HERALD office a pleasant call.

A number from this place will attend the county teachers' institute at Dallas, which begins on Thursday of next week.

Mr. George Harris, who has been attending the Commercial school of Portland, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. G. T. Waller is in Portland this week selecting the spring stock of goods for the Farmers' Merchantile Association.

Old Sister Newman at Lafayette, who fell and broke her thigh about Christmas, died Monday morning the 17th inst., she was about 80 years of age.

All express themselves as well pleased with the entertainment given by the Band of Hope on Saturday evening. The programme consisted chiefly of exercises by the very small boys and girls, who certainly deserve much credit for their efforts.

Little Bertha Catron who had the misfortune last week, of having one of her fingers badly mashed, while she and other children were playing with a wheelbarrow, was taken to Albany on Tuesday, where the finger was amputated by Dr. Thos. Harris.

On Saturday last, many of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mulkey, assembled at their neat residence at a reasonable hour, this being their crystal wedding anniversary. After a "social chat" had passed the rounds the presents tendered them by those assembled were placed on a suitable table and consisted of quite a variety, among which might be mentioned a beautiful fruit dish, a water set of five pieces, some handsome cake and bread dishes and many others, amounting to thirty-eight in all. The usual comments, etc., being concluded the climax was reached in the way of a most bountiful and well prepared dinner which we surmise all did justice to, after which the musicians supplied some excellent music and an hour or so having been pleasantly spent all returned to their homes, having enjoyed one of the memorable days of their lives, all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey the return of many more days as happily and pleasantly spent. The HERALD office was remembered by a fine variety of cake for which they have many thanks.

The Monarch Horse Hoe and Cultivator combined is the latest improvement in agricultural implements, designed for hoeing (with horse). Potatoes, Corn, Beets, Cabbage, Turnips, etc. See advertisement of Monarch Mfg. Co., in another column.

## PACIFIC COAST.

It is report, says the Walla Walla Journal, that J. H. Cavanagh has purchased this week in the neighborhood of 50,000 bushels of wheat. He is said to have paid 65 cents a bushel, sacked. Some people think there is very little wheat left in the country, but when the news got abroad that Mr. Cavanagh was buying he could have contracted for 100,000 bushels in a few hours.

It is estimated by cattle owners that 150,000 head of cattle will be driven to the ranges of Eastern Montana during the summer of 1884.

General Tannatt, says the Walla Walla Journal, reports a healthy state of affairs in the Palouse country. The winter has been favorable for stock, but little feed being required, and the majority of stockmen have scarcely drawn upon their hay stacks. Fall sown grain is looking finely, especially in the Willow Creek country. The section between Rebel Flat and the Palouse river is filling up rapidly with settlers. Looking to a transfer of the Palouse and Columbia River Railroad, the people of the upper country are anxious to have the road changed to connect with Walla Walla via Riparia.

The largest taxpayer in Benton county, says the Corvallis Leader, is G. B. Smith, Esq., whose taxes this year are \$1559.60. The next largest assessment is the Oregon and California Railroad Company, who this year pay into the county treasury the sum of \$1337.96. Messrs. Hogg and Nash pay on their land \$736.62.

The great rush of immigrants for this country has now fairly commenced. Sixteen cars, containing over 500 men, women and children, arrived at Wallula Junction last night, and three cars, containing about 180 persons, came through to Walla Walla. The hotels were taxed to their utmost capacity. This morning four more cars, well loaded with prospective settlers, arrived from Wallula. The immigrants in the main are composed of thrifty Germans, with money to buy farms. So writes the Journal.

The Chehalis and Gray's Harbor region, in Washington Territory, is "looking up." From Elma to the sea it is all the same. Settlers are taking up its agricultural lands, and capitalists its timber lands and milling sites. Five sawmills are at work there, and other large ones will doubtless go up next season.

Since the commencement of the Samish drive the neighborhood of Edison, W. T., presents a busy appearance. The Samish logging company have 8,000,000 feet of logs in the river, and the present high water presents an excellent opportunity for driving and booming.

The Oregon Short Line is now completed to Huntington, and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company are at work in Burnt river canyon, within ten miles of Huntington.

Quite a cattle business is doing over the Canadian Pacific, in British Columbia. The trains are run down to Port Moody, and there the animals are embarked for Victoria.

Says the Seattle Post: A gentleman from White river states that the diph-

theria is raging fearfully in that section. Within the past few days three of Sol Grund's little children have died of that dread disease. It was found necessary to close the school, and now the teacher, Miss Mattie Wade, is down with the diphtheria, and two or three other severe cases are reported in the same neighborhood.

This is the word from Dutch Flat, Oregon, via The Dalles Sun: Since my last letter we have had the welcome Chinook, and once more we see the green grass and the growing grain, which has stood the frost and the winter well. No one complains of the wheat being hurt; but, on the other hand, all think that the crop will be a fair one. To people wanting homes, Dutch Flat offers inducements. Plenty of good land and timber, and a school with twenty-nine scholars, and with sufficient means to run a five-month term if properly used.

The owners of the new town of Chewelah, W. T., make the generous offer of donating a lot and \$100 to any church society who will build a church in that town. They also as an inducement for the erection of good frame business buildings, offer a lot to every person who will build a frame business house of \$500 or over.

About nine miles due north of Rathdrum, says the Kootenai Courier, there is a beautiful body of water, nestled in among high mountains and craggy bluffs known as Spirit lake. The body of water is about four miles long and one and a half miles wide. On the west there is a dense glade and on the north and south sides the mountains make close down to the water's edge. East, the country opens out on a flat, very heavily timbered. In fact, all around the lake, there is the greatest abundance of tamarac, cedar and white pine. As to game, this is truly a sportsman's paradise, for the timber is fairly alive with deer, elk and bear, and the lake filled with red salmon and mountain trout.

The Boise City Statesman is assured that the long talked of branch road from that city to the main stem of the Short Line will be constructed immediately.

The Northern Pacific will put on a through Portland train to connect with the Milwaukee fast mail train. It will leave St Paul 4 o'clock, taking the northwestern mail delivered from east at 3:30. The Northwestern is also expected to make connections with the Eastern passengers. The time from St. Paul to Portland will be ninety hours; to Tacoma, one hundred.

On Saturday last, says the McMinnville Reporter, it was our good fortune to meet men from all parts of the county, and from them we learn that the prospects for a heavy yield of grain are more flattering than they have been for years. The acreage sown is greater than heretofore, and it has a splendid start, while more favorable weather than we have had the past few days could not be asked. Coming, as this report does, from some of our thrifty farmers, it makes us feel hopeful for better times next fall.

The Seattle bay is alive with ships waiting for coal.

The first shipment of California redwood to the Sound arrived at Seattle on Thursday.

With the Cascade mountains full of coal it seems a little strange that many persons must sit in their parlors and offices shivering for want of a fire; persons who ask for coal, and offer to pay for it, but who cannot get it because often there is no coal to be had in Tacoma. Says the Leader: Ship load after ship load is sent away, but local consumers may have to wait several days after one lot is burned up before they can get another. This hot and cold treatment is neither conducive to health nor good temper.

Farmers coming in from all parts of the country about Olympia, W. T., bring the cheering news that winter crops never looked better, and an abundant yield is predicted. The prospects is also equally good for spring crops, and farmers are briskly preparing their lands for early sowing.

There is a great deal of life and bustle at Coeur d'Alene City, where a large hotel and other structures are being erected by a large gang of carpenters. Town lots are in active demand, an extra eligible one recently selling for \$1500.

Our townsman, B. H. Brink, returned on Sunday night from Heron, Montana, where he has been since October last says the Waitsburg Times. He reports rough weather in that country, and says the mining excitement does not abate; but on the contrary, the more difficulties are thrown in the way, the more determined strangers are to get in. The number in the mines at the present time is variously estimated at from 3000 to 5000. Mr. Brink, after discussing with scores who had been into the camp, came to the conclusion that the mines are an unmitigated fraud, notwithstanding all who are interested in claims or in furnishing miners with supplies, are leaving no stones unturned to keep up the excitement.

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