LOCAL MATTERS.

Committee meetings are now in order.

Walter Cattron has returned from Wasco county.

Aunt Frankie Murphy is having her house painted.

Mrs. Ross has moved in her new house which is store and dwelling house in one.

Take your dress cutting and making to Mrs. Ross. She works neatly and quickly.

Elder Simpson, a Presbyterian minister from Corvallis, will preach in Monmouth next Sunday at 5 P. M.

Mrs. Ross has laces, ruching, linings, buttons, calicos, gloves, hose, ribbons, etc., for sale. Give her a call.

Bro. Moss goes to Portland Sunday to preach the dedication sermon of the Christian chapel just finished in that city.

The Monmouth nine are much elated that they won two games of the three played with the club from Perrydale.

Will some one present at the dedication of the Christian Church at Portland, next Sunday send us a report of the same for the MESSENGER.

Strawberries are ripe on the south hillsides. The boys and girls are brown and happy coming in with their pails full of the delicious berries.

Uncle Davy Newsome lectured before the schools of this place last Thursday afternoon. He is an enthusiast in the temperance cause and speaks readily for so old a man.

Mrs. Dawson, Willie Dawson and a daughter of Mrs. Johnson of McMinnville will leave next week for a trip to San Francisco and Virginia City. They intend being gone about six weeks.

Last Thursday was old Sister Haley's 73d birthday. Some of her friends surprised her by taking their dinners and staying all day. May she live to see many as pleasant returns of her birthday.

N. H. Butler, J. M. Hutchings, Tommy Waller and Solomon Stump, left on Monday for Yaquina Bay. The first two named will remain perhaps all summer the others returning the first of next week.

Miss Emma Waller has a lady of experience and taste trimming hats and bonnets, and she solicits the patronage of Monmouth and surrounding country. Call and examine her new stock of goods before going further.

Miss Emma Waller has hats and bonnets of the new fashionable braids, gloves of all kinds for ladies, misses and children, lace collars, tidies, handsome ties and all the pretty useful articles that go to make up a lady's toilet and pleasant surroundings.

Baby Ralph Fenton, of Lafayette, was out calling in Monmouth with his papa and mamma last Monday for the first time. He laughed and crowed with delight at the adoration shown him and behaved altogether in an angelic way as only blue-eyed babies can.

It is a mistake to wait till you are crazy with toothache before you have them treated, and the proper way to do is to keep your natural teeth by having them filled, which you can have done in the best of style by calling on Drs. Roberts & Johnson, Independence, Oregon.

If the corresponding Secretary of the Alumni will furnish us with the list of those who intend to fill their part of the programme on the evening devoted to the public exercises of the Alumni, we will be glad to publish the names. It is hardly worth while to give the programme made out last year as we learn there are so many changes to be made.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

(From the Daily Standard.)

PACIFIC COAST.

—One hundred and fifty dozen eggs were shipped from Myrtle Point to Coos Bay one day last week.

—James A. Yantis and M. L. Woodcock have purchased the Corvallis *Gazette* from Mrs. Carter.

—Ninety thousand cattle and 75,000 sheep were sold from the vast pastures of Eastern Oregon and Washington last year.

—We are informed that the loss of cattle in the western part of Whitman county, W. T., was extremely heavy. In the Cow creek country where heretofore there have been immense bands very few can now be seen. At the watering places it is not uncommon to see from fifty to one hundred that have died in the mire.

—Sheep Commissioner Ensley, who has just returned from examinining the condition of sheep in Whitman county, says that there are now sixty thousand sheep in the county, and that fifteen thousand perished last Winter. Those now living are healthy, and there are no disordered sheep in Whitman county.

—Base ball boils and blisters in Yamhill county.

—The Christians of Stayton intend to build a church.

—A gentleman down from Tacoma on Saturday informs the Seattle *Post* that there are over two hundred men engaged on the railroad survey between that point and the summit of the Cascade mountains. The daily expenses of such a force is over $1,500. He states that the people of that town are very sanguine over the prospect of the road being built, and that at an early date.

—Ex-Governor Chadwick has been in town during the week, says the Roseburg *Plaindealer*. Mr. Chadwick is representing California interests, and is negotiating for the purchase of the franchise of the Coos Bay and Roseburg Railroad Company. We understand that it is with a view to the early completion of the road that the franchise is passing into the hands of capitalists elsewhere.

—The Palouse *Gazette* says of Cheny: Since last September some forty houses have been erected and the place represents the air of quite a city. Most all the industries usually found in a new country are represented, and the business men informed us that they were enjoying quite a nice little run.

—A gentleman just up from Texas Ferry informs the Palouse *Gazette* that fifteen hundred Chinamen are reported to have been employed in San Francisco and will soon arrive to work on the grade between that point and Colfax. But little has been done so far on the grade on account of scarcity of men.

—A letter from Ainsworth to the Walla Walla *Union*, conveyed the information that the N. P. R. R. track had reached a point two miles beyond Ritzville, and 86½ miles from Ainsworth, and that track-laying was progressing at the rate of two miles per day. At this rate the track will be laid to Spokane Falls the middle of June, as it is only 149 miles from Ainsworth.

EASTERN.

—Prof. Smith and a party have left Brooklyn to explore the head waters of the Amazon river.

—Lord Lonsdale, lately in America with his yacht, has purchased a steamer of 1,000 tons to attempt to reach the north pole from this side.

—There is a decided lack of harmony between the president of Dartmouth and the faculty. The faculty claim that President Bartlett is overbearing and ought to resign.

—The switchmen on all the railroads entering Chicago have struck. They are already getting good wages, but are taking advantage of the business boom.

—The annual May festival began on the 3d in New York, on the 7th regiment armory. The chorus numbered 1,880, orchestra 250. The Te Deum and Tower of Babel were given, but notwithstanding solo singers, chorus and orchestra, at ne time during the evening was there any real enthusiasm manifested by the 7,000 people present. President Garfield's box was empty.

—It is thought Mexico is granting too heavy subscribers to her railroads to stand it.

—Freight charges are light but passenger trade has greatly increased on Atlantic steamers.

—During April 8,500 emigrants from foreign lands passed through Chicago, to settle in the States and Territories of the Northwest. This is an increase of 40 per cent. over the figures of April, 1880.

—There is no disguising the fact that the World's Fair is as good as dead, and the commission is considering the most suitable means of closing it up. All subscriptions do not exceed $1,000,000. Money recieved will be returned.

—Gen. Sherman, Gen. Sheridan and the Sec. of War had a long conference with the President on the 3d in relation to rearrangment of military departments. General Sheridan returns to Chicago tomorrow. It is believed that all departments will be merged into departments of the East and West and be commanded by Generals Sheridan and Hancock, with other generals to be assigned to duty whenever most available.

FOREIGN.

—The Chinese treaty was ratified by an almost unanimous vote in the Senate on the 5th.

—Grand Duke Nicholas has been imprisoned in the fortress of Dunaberg. There was an affecting scene when the mother of the royal crimnal took leave of him forever.

—Gladstone announced, amid cheers, that he will on Monday deliver an address praying the crown to provide a monument in Westminster Abbey to the memory of Lord Beaconsfield.

BERLIN, May 2.—Fresh excesses have been committed against the Jews at Argenen, West Prussia, but the gendarms have restored order there and are now preserving it. A number of Jewish families have fled.

—The family of Abduranann Kahn, ameer of Afghanistan, consisting of his three wives, four children and fifty servants, with a native escort of two hundred Afghan Turcomans, arrived at Samarcand, Asiatic Bussia, April 12th, and will go to Cabul, accompanied by Col. Kolosnikoff, Capt. Dreher, Councilor Shakhalibakoff and a detachment of Cossacks.

Dallas Items.

Editor Messenger:

A sad accident occurred in this city on Friday last. The mill race on the south side of Oak street, is partly covered with a sidewalk. But along the north side of the walk are many openings in which persons fall. Quite a body of water runs down this race swiftly. A lovely little girl, six years of age, the daughter of Wm. Wright, whose house is near the race, fell into it, and was carried down under the walk for about one hundred yards. When she was found life was extinct. On Saturday, the 7th., the remains of the dear child was borne to the Odd Fellows Cemetery, a little S. W., of town, by a concourse of sympathizing citizens, whose solemn, appropriate services for the dead were performed by Rev. P. Holman, af the Baptist church, and the coffin, upon which were blooming flowers, wreathed with evergreens—emblems of immortality—was lowered into the grave. Rest, beloved one.

On Friday, the 6th, Father Newsome delivered a short, appropriate lecture to the students of Lacreole Academy, in this city. This institution, under the able management of Prof. S. A. Randle, is in a flourishing condition. The number in attendance, male and female, is about 95.

To-day, the 9th, the May term of the Circuit Court commenced here. The lawyers in attendance are numerous. The rust nor the low prices of wheat does not diminish their business. About the usual number of civil cases are docketed, and five men in the jail here will be tried.

The holding of the State Teachers' Institute for this county here, on the 12th, 13th and 14th inst., is looked for with much interest.

For the sake of variety, it may be stated that a letter was received, by a citizen of this city, from the spirit of one who has been dead for fifteen years, requiring him to invite Mrs. Lowe, the Clairvoyant Medicum, and G. W. Lawson, to visit this town early this week, and hold a series of scenes, at which strange revelations would be developed. They accepted the invitation, and they will be here in a day or two. It seems, (as I learn) however, that the people here, not having the fear of offending the spirits, before their eyes, refused all the churches and halls for the occasion, except the brass band hall, in which the revelations will come forth!

Health is generally good here, and times are about middling.

Father Newsome lectured last Sunday, at 11 A. M., in the M. E. church.

The narrow gauge road will reach the north part of King's Valley, and terminate for the present. If the improvements at the Yaquina Bay shall establish the fact of a deep, safe entrance there for such ships and barks as navigate the Pacific Coast, then this road will terminate at the Yaquina Bay. Meanwhile competent engineers will survey and level the route from King's Valley—35 miles—to the Bay. Mr. Reid will have nothing to do with the R. R. from Corvallis to the Bay.

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