

LOCAL.

The heading of the paper this week is not what we had designed, the elegant new one ordered from San Francisco not having yet arrived, but we hope to see its fair impression surmount the columns in our next week's issue.

With this the first number is a good time to date your subscriptions for the INDEPENDENT, two dollars will procure the paper for a year. A hearty rallying round the subscription book of the manager will do much to encourage a laudable enterprise.

Louis R. Sohns has been duly installed as mail carrier between the boat and the post office in place of B. M. Washburn.

Louis is an active young fellow, but he must keep his weather eye open up the river if he don't want to be found when the whistle blows, like Sheridan "twenty miles away."

Notwithstanding all the predictions the ferry is still running and doing a good business. It is stated that a new ferry will supersede the one now on the route. The express connecting with the ferry at East Portland has not been running for some days past, but it is understood that another line will soon resume the business.

Two boys were brought before Justice Hayden on Thursday charged with assault and battery. They were held to keep the peace under fifty dollars bonds, in default of which they were committed to jail. The boys should profit by this lesson and hereafter conduct themselves in a more orderly manner.

On Saturday last, Capt. James Troup, formerly of the Steamer Vancouver, took his departure for the upper Columbia, where he is to enter the employ of the O. S. N. Co. as purser on the steamer Yakima Capt. Stump, Commander.

Capt. Troup, Jimmy, as we familiarly call him, will be missed from Vancouver. By his honesty, capacity, and gentlemanly dignity of deportment, he has gained the respect and confidence of the whole community.

He will be prosperous in his new field of labor because he will be faithful to his trusts. He carries with him the best wishes of his many friends in Vancouver.

With the departure of Capt. Troup, Capt. James Gray assumes command of the Steamer Vancouver, and no better man could be found for the position. The traveling public will find Capt. Gray an affable gentleman and in every way worthy of confidence.

PENMANSHIP.—Prof. J. M. Garrison will organize a class in Penmanship at the Public School House on Monday evening, Sept. 6th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Prof. is a successful teacher of the revised Spencerian system. He has taught classes in Salem, McMinnville, Eugene City and other towns in Oregon, and always given entire satisfaction.

LAY SERVICES.—The Methodist Church services were somewhat varied last Sabbath by the appearance at the altar of several distinguished lay members of the Portland congregation, among whom were Messrs. Wadhams, Bronough, Wakefield, Jackson and Yates, with Miss Chittin as organist.

These gentlemen, lately awakened to renewed zeal in the cause of Christianity by the Evangelist Hammond, are endeavoring to increase the religious enthusiasm of their neighbors.

The services consisted of short addresses and prayers, interspersed with songs from the "Song Evangel" under the leadership of Mr. Wadhams, who is an excellent singer. They design visiting Vancouver again for a similar purpose on Sunday, the 12th inst.

Married.

In this city, September 1st., 1875, by the Rev. A. S. Nicholson, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. D. F. Schuele and Miss Josephine Eddings.

Mr. Schuele, the junior member of the popular firm of Sohns & Schuele, has gained a wife, and the people have lost a patient and attentive face from the delivery window of the Post Office. The happy couple departed immediately after the ceremony for Aurora, Oregon, to visit their friends and enjoy the honeymoon. We have received their compliments and we sincerely wish their matrimonial barque may have a prosperous voyage.

The public school will be opened on Monday next, under the charge of Prof. C. G. Morey, late of Lafayette, Oregon.

Miss Ella Whipple will have charge of the intermediate, and Miss Clara Ross of the primary department.

Prof. Morey has been in town several

days engaged in setting the school house in order and making other preparation incident to a vigorous "teaching the young idea how to shoot."

The upper room in the school building to be occupied by the professor and to be known as the "Advanced Room," he has tastefully ornamented with outline maps, mottoes and pictures; has arranged upon shelves in one corner his library and apparatus, such as globes, cubes, squares, &c; upon a little shelf within the reach of all is Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and two merry faced little clocks keep time to the fleeting moments, upon the wall. He has also the pictorial natural history series invented by Prof. Agassiz an entertaining and instructive arrangement to all who shall attend the school.

It is a matter of rejoicing that the public school is to be opened under such favorable auspices. Prof. Morey evidently understands his business, and with the efficient aid of Misses Whipple and Ross, the former well known as both capable and faithful, the latter coming with a good reputation from abroad our school promises to be a success, and to assist in breaking the monotony of the dreary winter soon to be at hand.

THE FAIR.—The First Annual Fair of the Clarke County Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be held at the Ryan place, about one mile east of Vancouver, during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th, 6th and 7th of October next.

Every effort is being made by the officers of the society to render this one of the most satisfactory exhibitions of the kind ever held in this part of the Territory.

The race track on the grounds has been put in order and several horses are already in training. Suitable buildings are soon to be erected for the accommodation of exhibitors, and the Premium List has been made up which together with the rules and regulations forms a very neat little pamphlet, now ready for all who are interested.

The premiums offered are liberal and numerous, giving a chance for the humblest producer to vie with his neighbor in the production of things useful and ornamental.

Let every man, woman and child in the County take an interest in this fair. It is a good thing for the people to assemble each year and compare notes of the year's operations. Every man can thus have an opportunity of comparing his own productions and methods with those of his neighbor, and the interchange of ideas will be a benefit to all concerned. Let the people come together and become better acquainted with each other, with their hopes, desires and necessities. Come one, come all, and bring the children.

LAND OFFICE.—The following is a summary of the business transacted at the Vancouver Land Office during the month of August:

Table with 3 columns: Original homestead entries, Final, Pre-emption, proof and payment, Declaratory statements filed, Contests adjudicated.

DISTRICT COURT.—Sixteen cases have been docketed for the District Court which convenes in Vancouver on the first Monday in November.

BALL & BAT.—The Athletics of Portland played the Spartans of Vancouver a match game of base ball to-day and were handsomely defeated. The score stands as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Athletics (Runs, Outs), Spartans (Runs, Outs), Total.

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Umpire, Prof. Garrison. The game commenced at 11:30 A. M. and closed at 1:30 P. M.

Vancouver may be justly proud of the Spartan club. This is the second victory over the Portland boys. With another year's growth and practice they will be able to compete for the championship on a larger scale.

Festivities.

Public School Monday. Writing School Monday evening. Schuele's new house is progressing. The city frog pond is clothed in miasmatic green. Good-bye stoke, dust and hot weather. Welcome pure air, green grass and Autumn showers.

General Shidan and party passed up the river yesterday morning on the Ononota, en route for the Dalles.

Hon. E. L. Smith of Olympia, and S. J. Spray of Portland, have gone to White Salmon, where they have a contract for surveying three townships of Uncle Sam's dilate illine.

Personal.

Gov. Gibb visited the town last week. He is interested in fruit trees and was very much pleased with Mr. Brown's nursery.

Rev. Mr. Dillon, editor of the Advocate, visited his Vancouver friends on Tuesday.

Miss Nickels, who has been in town for a few weeks, returned to her music class at Olympia on Tuesday.

OREGON.

The Salem Statesman has again changed hands. The "right, title and interest, material, fixtures and good will" have been sold to J. M. Waters.

Charles Green, the owner of Green's discovery mines, Granite Mountains, arrived in Baker City a few days ago with a clean up of sixty pounds of bullion, being the result of about ten days run. The value of the bullion is about \$1,500.

The long-talked-of race between the celebrated racers Tom Benton, of Walla Walla, and wild Weasel, of Baker City, has been matched to come off under the Union County Agricultural Society race-course, near LaGrande, on Saturday, October 2d. The race is to be a half-mile dash, 80 lbs up, for \$1,000, coin—\$500 a side. Each side put up \$200 forfeit—play or pay. There will probably be several other interesting races on the same day.

"Large numbers of emigrants," says the Mountain Sentinel, "are constantly arriving in Grand Ronde valley, although most of them continue their journey farther. Many have started for Puget Sound and others for Walla Walla. The good effects of the publications scattered broadcast by the people of Walla Walla are already being felt. Hundred of hardy men and women, all anxious and willing to work, open up farms and improve the country, are flocking toward that beautiful valley. Population and a railroad to Baker City from Walla Walla is what we need. The question is, what will bring it? The answer is, population. Population increases demand for transportation and facilities for travel. These build railroads every time."

TERRITORIAL.

The Spirit of the west discourses as follows: The wheat grown in this part of the country is greatly preferred, the quality being equal to that grown west of the mountains. The reason why it is so is that it goes into the holds of vessels perfectly dry, and free from any dampness whatever, and from this cause the grain will arrive in better condition when it gets to its journey's end. We suppose all grain will draw some dampness when placed in the hull of a ship, and that that goes in perfectly dry is less liable to mould or taint from a long sea voyage.

Mr. D. K. Porter, of Whilby Island, got upset in a squall while out sailing off Sewell's Point. He got on the bottom of his boat, and after floating around for several hours was finally rescued by a passing boat.

Professor Hayden desires to have the statement that is now going the rounds of the press, that he owns three thousand head of cattle in Colorado corrected. He has never owned a head of stock in his life, and does not expect to.

The Seattle Homestead Association filed their articles of incorporation in the auditor's office last week. Their place of business is Seattle, and capital stock \$25,000 divided into 25 shares. Object—the purchase and sale of real estate in King County.

Charley Ross Again.

RUMORS THAT HE IS AT HOME WITH HIS FRIENDS.

The Jersey City Argus of the 12th printed the following statement, in regard to the lost boy Charley Ross, whom the paper averred had been at home in Germantown, Pa., three weeks:

We are in receipt of information to the effect that Charley Ross, the boy whose mysterious abduction from Germantown, Philadelphia, a little over a year ago, and continued absence has puzzled all "the best police" of the best cities on the American continent, is at home again. How he got there we do not know. His return at present is as much involved in mystery as his abduction. But that he is at home and that he has been there for a period of three weeks, we have not the slightest doubt. Our information is derived from reliable parties, and were we not satisfied with its correctness we should not make public use of it. Our exclusive possession of the information is only another verification of the old adage that a woman cannot keep a secret. We say this with no disrespect for the sex or for the failing, for it is to the latter that the Argus owes the privilege of first placing the news of Charley Ross' return before the public. The facts are briefly these: A prominent

gentleman of this city, one in whom we (and the public) have the utmost confidence, has a daughter, a young lady of education and intelligence; she has a young lady friend residing in Germantown, who is a friend of the Ross family, a frequent visitor at their house. She corresponds with her friends in this city of course—all your ladies do that—and in her last letter states that Charley Ross had been at home three weeks. The Ross family are keeping the matter secret, because they feel from the circumstances of the case and the notice it has attracted that once the knowledge becomes public the house will be overrun with visitors, an annoyance they desire to avoid. The young lady showed the letter to her father, and he gave us the information, deeming it to be in a measure public property, and one in which the public interest was superior to the desire of the Ross family to avoid an annoyance that can only be petty in comparison to the joy that must possess their hearts now that their priceless treasure is restored to them.

A Bit of Romance.

A romantic story comes from New Orleans, concerning one Mr. Harmon Jones. Mr. Jones was taken with the gold fever in '49, and set out for California. The vessel in which he sailed was never heard from, and it was supposed that all on board, including Jones, had perished. His widow still lives and is still a widow, that is to say she is still Mrs. Jones, but not a widow, for there's just where the romance comes in. An English vessel cruising in the Pacific lately discovered an island hitherto unknown, and on it several Americans who had been there twenty six years, among them Mr. Harmon Jones, formerly of New Orleans. The family are preparing to rescue him from his long exile and bring him home. He ought to be able to write a book as good as "Robinson Crusoe."

A New Propeller for Steam Vessels.

A Chicago inventor has presented a contrivance for propelling steam vessels, which he feels confident will in time take the place of the wheels and screws now in use, and which is a curious piece of machinery, to say the least. It consists of a double set of fans on each side of the vessel, which are to act as oars, only that they are never lifted out of the water, being so arranged that they close up against the hull when moved forward. Both sets are propelled by a direct stroke of the piston rod of a single engine, which draws one set on either side backward while the other set is in operation, thus giving a continuous propelling motion. Besides this they are so arranged as to be opened and closed, reversed or turned in any direction at will, thus enabling the pilot to use them as a part of the steering apparatus in case it should be desirable. The inventor asserts that a great saving of power can be secured—that his engines occupy less space than other kinds; that the machinery affords greater safety than any sort in use, and that boats using it can be operated in canals without washing out the banks any more than, or even as much as, those propelled by the old-fashioned mule power.

Flavor of Eggs.

There is a vast difference in the flavor of eggs. Hens fed on clear sound grain, and kept on a clean grass run, give much finer flavored eggs than hens that have access to stable and manure heaps and eat all kinds of filthy food. Hens feeding on fish and onions flavor their eggs accordingly, the same as cows eating onions or cabbage, or drinking offensive water, imparts a bad taste to the milk and butter. The richer the food the higher color of the eggs. Wheat and corn give eggs the best color, while feeding on buckwheat makes them colorless, rendering them unfit for some confectionery purposes.—Moore's Rural New Yorker.

Born.

In this City, September 3rd 1875, to the wife of Wm. Ryan, a son. September 3rd 1875, to the wife of Charles Sutton, a daughter.

Vancouver Market.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Groceries, Flour, Meal, Rice, Beans, etc.

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