

statement of the Catholic population of this county but it is likely somewhat greater than that of Helena district. During the Summer of the past year Deer Lodge and all other settlements of Western Montana were visited by

MOST REV. CHAS. J. SEGHERS,

The Coadjutor of the Most Rev. Archbishop of Oregon, to whose spiritual administration this portion of the Territory belongs. The Most Rev. Archbishop was as favorably impressed as Bishop O'Conner had been two years before.

From Deer Lodge, still going west, we reach Missoula county, which, including those given above to Frenchtown, contains a Catholic population of nearly 600 whites and about 1,500 Indians.

North we reach Benton, the head of navigation and a place of great promise in the future. It has a new church ready for use but not quite completed. Benton thus far has been attended from St. Peter's Mission. Late accounts received from Rev. S. C. Imoda, who has been in charge of that Mission for a number of years, informs us the Catholics of that whole district number 1,050 whites and 2,150 Indians.

A word more about

OUR CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS,

Of which St. Vincent's Academy for young ladies deserves the foremost rank. It is conducted by the Sisters of Charity from Leavenworth, Kansas. It was opened in 1868 for boarders and for day scholars. This institution has earned a well-deserved reputation, and praise enough cannot be bestowed on those who conduct it.