

TOURS RURAL REALM

Correspondent Takes Morning Walk, Noting What He Sees.

MANY RANCHERS ARE BUSY

Visits Blind Man Who Successfully Conducts a Farm, and Talks With Others Residing in the Beautiful Row River Valley, Near Town.

[The following correspondence was left over from last week on account of the crowded condition of our columns.]—Editor.

In the pleasant morning air of last Monday a correspondent of The Sentinel started for a stroll, going eastward past the beautiful city park and out across the hill and around the curve, being drawn on and on by the increasing grandeur and richness of that section of country, and, pausing under a large oak tree, a perfect monarch, he observed a kind lady and was told by her that George and Mrs. Orville Miller were owners of the premises, which was a part of the old Knox place a portion of which was occupied by others owning tracts from 26 acres down. This section is very thickly settled and the people seem prosperous and happy, and very active. Ploughing and seeding were being pushed right along and the Murphy intent was in abundant evidence in many fields. Joe Lancaster, Bert Denham, H. B. Yancey, Elmer Porter, Kail Rhodes and Jim Allen, were all enjoying the beautiful surroundings of their pleasant homes in this neighborhood. A half-mile further on is the "house built on a rock," owned by Joe Burnett, whose place, consisting of 60 acres, is an ideal home. Mr. Burnett was engaged in ploughing a portion of the General Johnson place, which he had rented, so before reaching Joe the writer passed the fine home of Mrs. Love Allen, who has 130 acres, and five sons, of which only Dan and Bob are at home. Dan was busy ploughing a 20-acre tract for fall seeding. Also the nice place owned by Ben Crow. General Johnson has material on the ground for a new dwelling to be put up just across the road from the pretty 23-acre home of E. J. Davis. Tom Bowers owns a nice tract between the two latter named places. Mr. Bowers was reported dangerously ill and was being cared for at the home of his sister, Mrs. Love Allen. Inspired by the pretty surroundings the writer then called at a picturesque home to find it occupied by a man totally blind, and, finding in him a most congenial soul, enjoyed a pleasant visit. Waldo S. Miller stated that he had been totally blind since 1904 on account of an affliction of the optic nerves. Yet he could see that the Sentinel had enlarged and become a fine paper and that his fine orchard of young trees were just springing into magnificence, and that his Rose Comb Rhode Island Red chickens were prettier than Frank Rosenberg's Giant Buff Cochans. Mr. Miller has never seen the farm he owns, yet he directs every detail of operation through the assistance of a loving wife who reads to him many books and papers and his memory is keen, alert and never failing in accuracy. His orchard is now in better condition than others seen by the writer, yet he was preparing for the fall spraying of one gallon of lime and sulphur to twelve gallons of water which will kill all the anthracnose, green and woolly aphids, prevent, cure and clean off everything, including moss. So good lessons may be learned from the blind. This good man, who is loved by all his neighbors, may yet be healed, for there are those who have abundant faith in the justice, mercy and goodness of the Divine Love. Mr. Miller milks a cow, saws wood, churns, runs the washing machine and the spray pump, and helps generally about his farm. So beautiful was the cheerful nature of this man that the writer's walk was extended farther across the 160-acre farm of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pitcher, consisting of some good timber, with 32 acres cultivated and a fine orchard, cows and goats. A very fine home with five children enjoy its blessings. John Potts owns the next 125 acres of fine laying land that could all be irrigated from a branch running down past the McKibben Bros.' mill, which is three miles from town and a half mile from the railroad, to which the lumber is conveyed by a flume.

The McKibben Brothers are Morris, Frank and Henry, the latter of whom resides at the mill with his wife and three month's old baby, Ida Madaline. Here the writer picked salal berries, returning memories of the joyous scenes of his first love.

The McKibben mill is a new one installed to take place of the old mill which was destroyed by fire last August. It is a 25,000 capacity mill with planer and only eight men are employed to operate it. All of these except one, are married men and have families residing near and seem very much contented. The proprietors own enough timber for a steady five-year run at the present cutting and still other available timber is in sight. They have some fine cedar which finds ready sale in the local market, and most of the balance of the output is shipped to Col-

orado, Utah and Nevada. It was the fresh light bread mixed from home grown wheat flour and baked by Mrs. McKibben that inspired the writer to view farther the beauties of this wonderful valley, and passing through G. E. Damewood's 90-acre farm, which he is intending to use for dairy purposes exclusively, he came to the 375 acres and large home owned by J. B. Rinebaugh, who has been here 23 years and is satisfied to remain longer, refusing to sell his land for \$100 an acre. Mr. and Mrs. Rinebaugh have three daughters and two sons, and are half a mile from the Shields school. Near this place the Mosby creek bridge crosses to the extensive estate of Bob Mosby, whose holdings are among the best. A very large potato field, which was planted by different renters, is noted here. The teacher, Prof. Rowe of the Shields school, has a portion of this field and it is said the crop will harvest 150 bushels of Burbanks to the acre. A. Bacon with his wife and two children have rented land here and are building a home in a pretty oak grove. Adjoining this land is the Rich Martin place of 23.21 acres, all of which, except one acre, can be irrigated by a ditch being surveyed and promoted by John Spray, who recently purchased the Nelson place of 300 acres, together with Bob Mosby, Felix Currin and himself, the water to be taken out near Lewis Mineral falls. C. E. Porter and Jim Stewart are also projecting the installation of an irrigating system for lands near Walden station. Leaving Rich Martin, who is digging post holes and building fence, the new Row River bridge is now in sight and as its approach is made the valley broadens to two sides of the river an expanse of several miles, showing a panorama of beautiful homes, seemingly more extensive and grand than the ones gone by. An estate of 320 acres before crossing the Currin bridge, and owned by Geo. Layng, can be seen with its immense orchard 40 years old and still bearing a prolific yield of delicious fruit. Here the walk of the writer ended for this week just as he had commenced to get an insight into the greatness, beauties and possibilities of the best farming district in the world.

PLEASE SHUT THE GATE.

Otherwise the Oregon & Southeastern Will be After You.

The Oregon & Southeastern Railway Co. has suffered considerable annoyance from having gates and bars left open by persons crossing its right-of-way, and purposes making prosecutions under the state law for such offenses. Section 4 of Chapter 158 reads: "Any person who shall intentionally, or negligently leave open or unfastened any farm crossing gate, or let down and leave down any bars of any railroad fence, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$50, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten days in the county jail, or by both such fines and imprisonment, and justice of the peace shall have original jurisdiction thereof."

Labor Commissioners Here.

The Hon. O. P. Hoff, commissioner of the State Labor Bureau, and W. B. Chance, deputy commissioner and factory inspector, were in Cottage Grove on Saturday, the former on his way to Salem from a visit to Coos Bay, and the latter getting a line on the mills in this section. Mr. Chance has inspected all the sawmills tributary to Cottage Grove, and finds most of them complying with the state law. The faulty ones readily remedy defects when attention is called to them. Both gentlemen are believers in the future of Oregon, and particularly the Willamette valley.

Our Statesmanlike Course.

The city council of Cottage Grove have voted \$100,000 towards the building of a water system for that city. The people petitioned the council for it, and thus a splendid water system will be secured which will prove of incalculable benefit for all time to come. The securing of good water systems for cities at times when they are of a small population, and which look to the future and build for the future, is the wisest and most statesmanlike course to pursue.—Drain Nonpariel.

Now in New Quarters.

H. C. Cook, after several unavoidable delays, moved his stock to the Woodward building on Saturday, and is now comfortably located. Besides having one of the best appointed store-rooms in Cottage Grove, he also has one of the largest stocks of staple and fancy groceries, etc., and purposes extending his business to a considerable degree through the only feasible method, carrying the goods and advertising them.

Builds Many Roads.

Mr. J. F. Hard of Eugene was in the city on Wednesday. He has 1000 acres in the Bohemia camp, and is working steadily at the Vesuvius. During the past season he has constructed several miles of road, making a total of eight miles. Ten years ago, when Mr. Hard first went into the Bohemia, there were twelve streams to ford, whereas today every one is bridged, many of them at his personal expense.

GREAT WHITE PLEAGUE

Outlook is Encouraging Says a Cottage Grove Physician.

MUST BE DETECTED EARLY

Tuberculosis to the Intelligent and Zealous Medical Man Has Fewer Terrors Than Formerly.—Some Points for Consideration.

"The outlook for the consumptive is more encouraging and hopeful," said a Cottage Grove physician to The Sentinel. Thinking the subject worthy of further consideration the man of medicine was induced to talk, and from him was gleaned many facts and suggestions, given herewith:

"It is a well known fact that if persons suffering from tuberculosis are to recover the disease must be known early. So true is this that it may be stated as a truism that 'Tuberculosis is curable just in relation to its early detection.' The recognition of tuberculosis in its earlier stages is quite difficult and the fact that physicians are diagnosing it more promptly than in the past is only another indication of the progress being made. No longer are colds or hoarseness passed over with hasty examination. In either event now a most careful diagnosis is made including in many instances a microscopical examination of sputa. Indeed so much importance is now attached to these external signs that a thorough physical inquisition, so to speak, is immediately instituted, especially of the entire chest cavity. Percussion, palpitation, and auscultation are very frequently supplemented by tuberculin tests of various kinds, especially in this true of suspected cases where the clinical signs present indicate that the person may be a victim of the tubercle bacillus, and because of these facts many persons have been put upon the highway to recovery.

"And the enthusiasm of the medical profession with reference to the ultimate control of tuberculosis is refreshing for it is an intelligent zeal working out the problems of care and treatment of the consumptive. Shacks, tents, balconies and screened porches, in fact any suitable place affording isolation and open air are utilized for the treatment of patients with the result that restrictive measures established have prevented infection of other persons while patients have in many instances made favorable progress in the arrest of their disease. And the effect on communities in general is proportionately as great as on the patient himself. The people learn that the consumptive when properly cared for is not dangerous and in addition have also learned the value of rest, good food and fresh air. This then becomes preventative medicine.

"Formerly when physicians made diagnoses it was common for the patients to reject their findings and refuse to believe that they were the subjects of the dread disease; but with the knowledge that upon the early detection hangs the hope of cure, large numbers eagerly grasp the situation and take advantage of the opportunity afforded to make recovery."

WHAT MAKES A TOWN?

Something Besides Location, Schools and Churches Necessary.

There being a general movement in Cottage Grove to advance the material interests of the place, let us consider for a moment the question, "What Makes a Town?" Is it the wealth evidenced by fine homes and splendid store buildings? These may attest to the stability and thrift of certain people, but they offer no great inducements to commercial and moral progress. Is it the spirit of good order and law observance? That is a factor only. The sleepest old hamlets that dot the map have this spirit in abundance. Is it the schools and churches? May their number ever increase, but they don't make a town—they only culture it. Is it the geographical location, the character of the country surrounding, the shipping facilities, the natural advantages?

None of these are essentials. Well, what is it that makes a town, anyway? Just one thing—the unity of the people, the existence of a common bond which causes business and social enemies to put aside all differences when it comes to boosting a town. No town ever made real progress on the way to substantial success without the get-together spirit unanimously adopted. It has rejuvenated old hulks of towns that were yawning their way into endless sleep. It has infused new life and made thriving cities out of paralytic villages. Natural advantages count for much and prosperity cannot be built on shifting sand, but any town with half a chance can be made to grow and thrive when its citizens join with one accord in the boosting program.

\$10,000 for Railway Ticket.

A. C. Smith, a Minneapolis lumberman, has offered the promoter of the Oakland & Tidewater railway \$10,000 for a ticket from Oakland to Coos Bay, provided he can use it within eighteen months. And the promoter says he'll get Smith's money.

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