

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

MAPLE LANE.

The farmers on the Lane are fortunate in getting their shearing and hay baling completed before the rain, which was much to their satisfaction. G. A. Brown and crew are still engaged in remodeling two houses in Oregon City.

Mrs. M. M. Sotfus entertained a number of her friends Sunday. Miss Sadie Freeman will stay with her grandmother, Mrs. Dix, of Colton, for awhile.

LOGAN.

Mrs. M. Frakes has returned from the hot springs in Washington much improved in health. Peter Wilson is at home now and is much improved, though he has not entirely regained his health. Albert Zimmerman is here from Missouri, visiting relatives. Miss Anna Moore has been visiting at W. P. Kerchem's.

purposes, etc., will be commenced as soon as material can be secured, and the various committees have been appointed for the construction of buildings, the making of the track, etc. October 6 is the date set for the opening of the fair and it is now intended that it shall continue five days. There is the greatest enthusiasm throughout the section of the county over the fair proposition, and every effort will be put forth by those who have the various lines of business in charge to make the fair a most decided success and especially in the line of farming produce, livestock, etc., a considerable attention will be given to the women's work, the preserving of fruits and the needlecraft work, etc., which is always a most interesting feature in a county fair.

hold goods to Portland, having rented the little Otto Fisher had a runaway last week. Running his horse into a gate avoided a serious accident. Arthur Funk, 13 years old, wears a hat a size larger than he did a week ago, on account of killing a large three-point buck. The two shots broke both legs, and after emptying the magazine he completed the dispatching of the fine animal. It deced 150 pounds. A. M. Kerchem is kept busy doing survey work for his neighbors. A. A. Hollingsworth fell down three steps with two buckets of milk, receiving a bruise on his side which will cause very sore ribs. He is able to be out now.

DODGE.

Mr. L. M. Park has been quite ill, but is improving. Everybody around here seems to be getting the chickenpox. Miss Myrtle and Mr. James Park, who have been at riding summer normal at Salem, have returned home. Mr. Morse and family, who have been camping on Clear creek for the past month, started Sunday morning for their home in Portland. Miss Mary Howard has returned from Oregon City, where she has been for some time. The Elwood boys won a game of baseball with Eagle Creek Sunday. James Park is working on the threshing in Highland this week.

An Orchard Survey of Hood River.

Bulletin 99 of the Oregon Agricultural College Experiment Station, recently published, gives a report of "An Orchard Survey of Wasco County," by C. I. Lewis and R. W. Allen. From this bulletin, which may be had free on application to the Experiment Station at Corvallis, the following facts are gleaned. In the Hood River district the orchard

The balance is made up of some twenty other varieties. Of pear trees there are 9,152; cherry trees 4,527; peach trees 7,180. Eighty-two per cent of the apple trees have been set out during the last six years. Strawberries is the pioneer crop of Hood River. They are planted extensively in the young orchards where they are allowed to remain until the trees come into bearing and furnish a much needed income while the orchard is growing up and producing only expense bills. The only berry grown is the Clark Seedling, which is a remarkably good shipper, selling the best season (1907) as high as \$8.35 a crate. It is a light bearer, 175 crates being considered a good crop. The total acreage in strawberries at Hood River is 756. Of this 552 acres are grown in orchards. As a result of this orchard survey the author of the bulletin draws a few conclusions, among which may be mentioned the following: From present indications, the Yellow Newton and Spitzenberg will continue to be the leading varieties of apples grown. Irrigation, which is bound to become a factor in the development of the country, must be practiced with care. Some growers are using it in such a way that the tree and fruit are likely to be injured. An average of one or two irrigations will be all that will be needed on an average in a bearing orchard. The problem is to use as little water as possible. Something must be done before long to furnish the soils with humus and plant food. Clover crops are one of the best agencies to bring about these results. More care should be used in the districts and systems in planting orchards. In most of the young orchards wind breaks could be used to advantage. As to pruning, the majority of growers do not head the trees back severely enough during the first few

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MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Huckleberry pickers are returning home every day. Charles Diekey and wife brought home ten gallons and N. B. Stafford brought twenty gallons from Mt. Hood. Mrs. Thacker is still confined to her bed. Miss Winnie Jackson was on the sick list last week, but is now improving. Mrs. Lou Braker's baby is still quite ill. Dr. Carrico and wife were calling on friends here last week. They drove out to the Superior Mill and spent a few days with Tom Carrico and wife. They returned to their home in Portland last Saturday. Mrs. Hall accompanied Frankie Lisle and Adelaide Curran to the Oaks Wednesday. Mrs. Buckley, of Gladstone, was the guest of Mrs. Nickels last week, Wednesday. Mrs. Frank Albright made a business trip to Portland Saturday. The carpenters are at work on the Eastham school building and are boarding with Mrs. E. F. Linn. Mrs. McCoy, on Pleasant avenue, has her daughter and two grandchildren from California visiting with her this month. Mrs. May Dolan, of Portland, and Mrs. Annie McGrath, of California, were calling on friends here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Heckart are visiting here. Mrs. Minnie Faust, lately from Baker City, Oregon, was visiting her sister Mrs. Wiley May, last Saturday. Miss Pearl Francis is visiting among friends at Tualatin, Washington, this week. Mr. Walter Waldorf, our blacksmith, was on the sick list last week, but is wielding the sledge again this week. Mr. Jack Skinner, of Milwaukie, was calling on friends in this place Sunday. Mrs. May Fairclough is visiting with her sister at Springwater this week. Rev. Molloy is quite busy lately. He has put down a new walk and made other improvements, and is now splitting his winter's wood and putting it in the shed. Everhart & Hall have had a big trade in shingles lately. Ed Gotberg finished shingling his house last week and Mr. Gerber is building a front porch this week. The chimney is about completed, too. They are cooking in a tent while the house is being finished. John White, of Canby, was in town a few days last week. Curtis Solby hurt his foot quite badly while working at the paper mill Tuesday morning. Mr. Wiley May and family are moving into their new house this week on Duane street.

WOODBURN.

P. A. Cochran has been up from Portland fixing up the Douglas saloon building, which he has rented to Haskell and Colvin, who will move their grocery there. J. F. Hertler returned Thursday evening from a trip to Kansas City. O. A. Nondel was called to Spokane to take charge of the remains of John Voss, a late resident of Woodburn, who committed suicide there last Thursday. Major W. H. Hart, U. S. A., visited his father, John Hart, last week. He will leave for Europe on government business in a few days. Martin Driscoll and family, who have been here the past three months, left Thursday for their old home at Sturgis, S. D. Like easterners they will probably be ready to return to Oregon by the time they arrive there. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Peterson left Saturday on a Saturday to Monday excursion to Newport. Miss Mollie Snodgrass of McCracken, Kansas, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ficken several days the past week. She left Tuesday evening for her home. Miss Agnes Lindell gave a farewell party to a number of friends Monday evening. Everyone had an enjoyable time. She departed yesterday for Portland, where she will train for a nurse.

LOWER HIGHLAND.

Frank Nugget sold his team to Frank Reese. Now Frank Nugget is looking for a larger team so he can work on the place. Nora Gard is on the sick list. Nora Gard and her sister are going over to pick prunes for George Clark this fall. Albert Kieb had a burn-out here last Saturday night. His woodshed and vegetable cellar burned to the ground and all the fruit was consumed; and had they not gotten back as soon as they did the house would have gone too.

ELWOOD.

Mr. Adolph Freeman saw a bear last week not far from Mr. Baker's place. Mr. D. S. Stahlnecker and wife and Mr. R. Stahlnecker, of Wiscoville, are in Elwood visiting. The men and Mr. C. E. Surfus intend to do some hunting. Mr. J. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Ostroski have returned from the huckleberry patch. Mr. Floyd Dibble has returned from Eugene. Mr. C. E. Surfus has finished the district he was assessing, and is home. Mr. Wilson made a trip to Portland last week and now has a bruised forehead to walk around with. He took part in the car collision between Golf Links and the Oaks.

RUSSELLVILLE.

Mr. John Nightengale had a runaway some time ago. The team ran with his binder. The damage amounted to \$140. Many people have left the Wilhoit Springs within the last few days. There was a collision a few days ago of a buggy and an automobile. The latter mashed up the former badly. We have one happy man in our country; that is Abe Hardy, who presented himself with a new binder which works like a charm. He will have to wait another year to get to do any more cutting. Mr. O. S. Boyles and family are going to the huckleberry patch in a few days. The coyotes have been traveling all around and have gotten back again to Scott Carter's taking some of what he had left. The dairy is not doing well now as grass is drying very fast.

TEAZEL CREEK.

A little shower now and then helps to cool the air and give clover hullers a rest, as it toughens the clover so they cannot thresh it. Grandmama Dart is still very feeble, being unable to leave her bed since her fall some ten days ago. Mrs. J. H. Quinn has been quite sick but is convalescent. Mr. Quinn will take her to the coast as soon as she is strong enough to make the trip. Mr. Frank Melton and wife made a trip to Oregon City Tuesday. Uncle William Miller is quite poorly lately. He has been sick nearly two years. George Dart has returned to his work in Portland after taking a vacation with Teazel Creek friends and relatives. Mrs. M. J. Melton has been on the sick list this week as a result of the hot weather and overwork.

GRESHAM.

Fitzger Hamilton and Mr. T. R. Howitt returned Monday from Eastern Oregon, where they have for several weeks been buying beef cattle. They returned with two carloads of livestock. Mr. T. B. Stuart had as his guest Sunday Leo Tanner, who was enroute to Minnesota from Southern California, and is preparing to return from the East in due season with his bride. Wm. McLean, of Roseburg, has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. James Lawrence. Mr. S. Allen had the misfortune to break his arm last week and is laid up for this reason for a few days. The initial meeting of the Gresham Fair Association was held at Gresham Grange Hall, Monday. At the meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, H. C. Davis; vice-president, A. F. Miller; secretary, Dr. J. M. Short; treasurer, Clara L. Webb; and R. P. Rasmussen, of Corbett, was elected an additional member of the board. Many interesting features were brought up at the meeting, among them the report of Mayor Short, that the city had purchased nine acres of the Smith farm. This tract will be leased to the Fair Association, with the privilege of buying within five years if desired. This tract lies north of the town and has been used for two years for 4th of July celebrations. There is a beautiful orange grove and alder trees covering two or three acres and the balance is under cultivation. A well-graded road runs from Fairview to the grounds and another street from Powell to the grounds will need little work to make them as good as any fair grounds in the country. The erection of the necessary buildings for exhibiting

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the mountains they went walk to Roaring river and back again without a pack. Quite a number of residents of this neighborhood are making preparations to go to the huckleberry patch soon. Mr. Lindsay Hale threshed wheat this year that yielded 35 bushels per acre. Edgar Heipie was fishing on the Clackamas last Saturday, but says there are no fish. Mr. Fross Farrel is giving his horse a new coat of paint. Mr. Ed Burnett was in this neighborhood last week soliciting insurance for the Mutual Company of Butteville, Ore. Mr. Cassidy, the Estacada painter, was looking after business in this locality last week.

REDLAND.

Threshing on the ridge is a thing of the past, with M. M. Stone in the lead—2114 bushels. Jas. Fallman had the best oats, seven acres going 76 bushels per acre. Mr. Emmett, Sr. and Pete Emmett are getting ready to go to Alberta, Canada, each taking up a homestead. Sprague & Patella are sawing some again. Grandpa Storm died at his home the 22nd, aged 81 years. In 1830 he married in Stealin and later came to this country, where he has resided continuously since. He was a member of the G. A. R. He leaves a wife, one son and three daughters to mourn his death. The remains were interred in the Redland cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. Kraxberger, of Oregon City. There were many beautiful floral pieces, one coming all the way from Spokane. Mr. Deisinger is moving his house-

ards average 16 acres in size. The net return per acre are about \$500, and as high as \$1800 per acre has been realized. Hood River Valley lies between two ranges of high hills or mountains, open to the north where the Columbia marks its boundary. There are three natural divisions of the district, namely, the west side, or that part lying between the Hood River and the mountains to the west, the east side, lying east of the river and extending southward to a distance of about ten miles from the Columbia; and south of those extending for a distance of ten or twelve miles is the upper valley consisting of the third division. The elevation of the orchards nearest the river is about 300 feet. In the main valley the altitude averages about 600 feet. The Willow Flat district averages 1210 feet, and the middle valley and Mount Hood districts range from 1350 to 2000 feet. The whole valley has an east or west slope, and the orchards are located with a good exposure as to light and air drainage. In the Hood River valley six distinct soils are found, but at Mosier and The Dalles the orchards are mostly of two kinds of soil. The bulletin gives the chemical analysis of the soils of the different districts. The analysis don't show a rich soil. So far as chemistry can tell us the soils are not rich. The nitrogen is much below the average and the phosphoric acid runs low. The leading fruit of Hood River is the apple, and the Yellow Newton and the Spitzenberg are the leading varieties. The total number of apple trees from one to five years of age was 349,455 last year. Of these Yellow Newtons lead with 174,084 trees, followed by Spitzenberg with 130,516,