

THE FIRST DIRECT MAIL RECEIVED.

Large Shipments Back From Whilhoit—Personal and Other Notes.

FIRST MAIL RECEIVED.—The first mail to the newly appointed postoffice of Barlows, was received on Tuesday last. It brought twenty-six letters which shows what a great necessity the office was. Money orders and registered mail can hereafter be sent from this office.

CITIZENS MEET PER OCT.—The publisher of the Enterprise, Mr. J. H. Swartz, made numerous donations in our town last week. As the circus shows no place between Portland and Salem, the children are much "put out" in not having a chance to see it.

DELIVERING VEGETABLES.—The genial Andy Kocher was noticed in town several days this week delivering vegetables to his numerous customers. The vegetables produced by the thrifty Andy are hard to be beat.

SWEEP AWAY BY FIRE.—On Friday night of last week, a big illumination was noticed toward Riverside. On examination it was found to be the residence of Mr. Hoyt. The fire swept away about everything Mr. Hoyt possessed and a collection was made up for him from the citizens of Barlows and the surrounding country which was liberally donated to.

LARGE PAINT SHIPMENTS.—Scarcely a day passes but what the S. P. R. R. freight brings in a shipment of paints and oils from Portland, which are to be used on the many buildings already built and for the many in course of construction. Our towns people will agitate that every building be neatly painted.

MEAT WAGON.—The meat wagon of the energetic Mr. Irvin can be seen around town every morning delivering meats to his many customers. For a choice roast, steak or chop, Mr. Irvin's selection is hard to exceed.

ICE IN ABUNDANCE.—A large quantity of ice is received from Portland on the express every morning, which is distributed in pieces to suit the purchaser by the genial hotel man Mr. Williams. It has been a great accommodation to all our people.

RETURNED FROM WHILOIT.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barlow accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sheppard, Miss Will and Mrs. Rhoades, returned from Whilhoit where they have been camping for the past few weeks. They are all much improved by the mountain air and report a quite time at the springs this season.

HORSE AND BUGGIE STOLEN.—We regret to learn of the loss of our neighbor Mr. Jacob Giesey, of Aurora. Last week a party man of good address took dinner at the Hotel deGordon, after which he started for Aurora, where he engaged a horse of Mr. Giesey, stating he would be absent in the interior for two days and would first have to drive to Barlows to get a valve which he claimed to have left there before going to Aurora. This was an untruth, as he had no valve at the hotel here. Evidently he drove away to some far distant town and sold the outfit, as horse, buggy, or man has not been seen or heard of since.

REGULATING THE GRADE.—As the grade on the Oakley hill is nearing completion. It necessitated Surveyor Smyth and his assistant Reed to come here this week and regulate the stakes to the exact grade as named in the specifications. Soon as the grade is completed a contract will be let for the graveling which will be finished soon after the grade is completed.

PEA PICKING OVER.—Messrs Will Brow, have completed their pea picking for the season. They found it impossible to engage sufficient hands to do the picking and consequently a large lot got too ripe which they will cut and thresh. We understand from those who picked that they netted a profit of over \$50 per acre.

SOJOURNING AT THE SPRINGS.—Mr. Linn Shanks and family have been sojourning at Whilhoit for the past two weeks.

WELLS, FARGO RECEIPTS.—We are informed from the genial agent, Mr. John Sims, and also the auditor for W. F. & Co., that the receipts of their new office in Barlows, was equal to many of their old established offices along the line. The office has been found a great convenience for the public.

OFF FOR NEWPORT.—Mr. Jas. Curran left here last week with his family for Newport, where they will enjoy the cool ocean breeze for a few weeks.

CONTRACTS LET.—Mr. W. Evans received the contract of building the residence of W. W. Jesse. The plans show the cost to be \$2100. Mr. J. H. Swartz received the contract on the cottage of H. Myers. Messrs Mollett Bros. received the contract on the cottage of A. Zeith.

NO HOP LICE.—Reports tell us that the reported hop louse that appeared on some hops some time ago have vanished. Growers now say that they think it is nothing more than the common foliage vermine.

SOON TO START.—We are pleased to learn from Mr. Smith that his mill will soon start up again. He may feel sure of a good patronage from Barlows.

COMES SMILING REGULARLY.—The smiling face of Mr. James Atkins, the mill man, is often seen around town, as in his visits he generally goes away with his pockets full of twenties.

WHEAT SACKS ARRIVING.—A large consignment of wheat sacks have arrived for Barlow and Co., and are ready to be distributed to the farmers.

VISITORS.—Mr. P. B. Whitney, the genial traveling freight and passenger agent of the S. P. R. R., accompanied by his family, were registered at the Hotel deGordon this week. Mr. Geo. A. Sheppard, of Portland, and Mrs. L. B. Gaines, of Grants Pass are visiting Mr. Wm. Barlow. Mr. A. Balda paid a visit to relatives at Hillsboro, last week. Mr. Coblenz, of the firm of Coblenz & Levy, San Francisco; A. Steinberg, of the firm of Barry & Co., San Francisco; N. E. Hamilton, Oswego; J. Hall and B. Jackson, Molalla, Or.; W. Strong, Chehalis, Was.; Sidney Smith, F. C. Reed, Oregon City, were among the registries at the Hotel deGordon this week.

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B. S. Paine's Crop-Weather Bulletin for the Week Ending Saturday, August 1.

WESTERN OREGON WEATHER.—The week has been warm, though there has been an absence of excessively warm days. The maximum temperature ranged from 80 to 90 degrees; the minimum temperature ranged from 55 to 65 degrees. The winds have been generally northerly and of light velocity. On the 30th a few drops of rain fell, in sections sufficient to lay the dust. The weather has been generally cloudless, with light smoke appearing.

CROPS.—Fall wheat is nearly all cut and shocked. Thrashers will begin operations next week. Reports all indicate that the fall wheat was never better both as to quality and quantity. Spring wheat is being cut in places. Rust in Douglas county has seriously effected spring wheat. Spring oats are being cut in places; some early oats are being delivered and a report from Corvallis says that it weighs 100 pounds to the sack. Some young orchards were injured by the extreme heat of the 23rd. All reports indicate that the 23rd was the warmest day on record. Hop lice have developed rapidly in the past ten days and serious results are feared from them. The codlin moth's ravages continue. Southern Oregon fruit is better than that of the valley counties, i. e. more plentiful and more free from insects. In Curry county five and six tons of clover hay to the acre was secured; timothy hay averaged three tons to the acre.

EASTERN OREGON WEATHER.—Warm weather has continued and no rain reported to have fallen. The maximum temperature ranged from 85 to 100 degrees; the minimum temperature ranged from 60 to 70 degrees. Few clouds have been seen, and smoke is appearing in the atmosphere.

CROPS.—The weather conditions have been favorable to the wheat harvest which is in full operation. As was expected the wheat has never been better, both as to quality and quantity. In sections of Wasco and Umatilla counties the wheat is generally poor and this year is no exception. Sherman county has had an extra good crop, larger than ever before. Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties will ship about 1,300,000 bushels of wheat, last year these counties shipped 900,000 bushels. Umatilla county has a remarkable fine crop; to the north and east of Pendleton it is as usual, the best. Union, Wallowa and Baker counties have fine prospects; in these counties harvest is later than in the previous mentioned counties. Throughout this section the hay crop is the largest on record.

Of Interest to School Boards.

The new school law in pamphlet form has been received from the state printer by Supt. Thomson and he has been busy during the week sending out copies to all of the clerks and directors of the one hundred and nine school districts in Clackamas county. The only important changes in the school laws is that referring to the date of holding examination for teachers, which has been changed from the last Wednesday to the second Wednesday in February, May, August and November, and in the matter of certificate of teachers. Hereafter a teacher taking out a certificate and going to another county to teach will, before commencing a school, have to file their certificates with the county superintendent.

Supt. Thomson will also receive in a short time from the state printing office the new record books and school registers, which on their arrival will be forwarded to the clerks of the various districts.

Wednesday a party was up from Sunnyside to have their troubles settled. A Hunt r having Albert Conkling arrested under a charge of an assault and battery. A jury was impaneled and after a lively tilt between District Attorney Dresser and George C. Brownell, of Hayes & Brownell for the defense, the jury decided to acquit Conkling.

One of the coolest eating rooms in town, with carpeted floors, has been opened in the room lately occupied by Price's tailor shop, by C. L. Dodge, from Albany. The tables are neat and cleanly set, and Mr. Dodge proposes to give as good a meal as can be found in the city.

Why Not.

Now is the time to paint your houses, barns, stores, fences, etc., and Charman Co. have the largest stock of leads, oils, colors and mixed paints in the city at the lowest price. Remember the City Drug Store.

Hops.

Hopmen can find whale oil, soap, quassa chips, etc., at Charman & Co.'s City Drug Store.

Condensations.

The Shan Chinese, a people living between Burma and China, show their love for their parents by killing them and eating them to save them from the misery of old age.

Doniphan, Kan., is said to be the only town in the world that had a river and two railroads and lost them all at one swoop. The shifting of the Missouri river channel did it.

At Munich there is a hospital which is entirely supported by old steal pen-knives collected from all parts of Germany. They are made into watch springs knives and razors.

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In regard to the decline in the price of steel rails and tin plate the Philadelphia Press says that the price of steel rails fell from 170 to 180 from \$106.75 a ton to \$31.75 a ton, or considerably more than two-thirds of the price twenty years ago.

The price of tin plate in 1870 was 5.11 cents a pound. The price in 1890 was 3.07 cents a pound. Instead of a reduction of 70 per cent., as in the case of steel rails, this is a reduction of but 37 per cent.; barely half as much.

Steel rails are made in this country. Tin plate is all made abroad. A heavy duty built up competition in this country in the case of steel rails. Until the McKinley tariff, the duty on tin plates was "for revenue only," and practically prohibited the manufacture of tin plate. If steel rails had had a like duty, and we were compelled to an English supply, as in the case of tin plate, they would have fallen no lower, and would now be 50 a ton, or considerably more than twice their present price. If tin plate had had a duty high enough to create domestic competition, they would have been as low relatively as steel rails, or 1.02 cents per pound in 1890, instead of 3.07 cents.

Yet there are people who think that protection does not pay.

A novel way of destroying the immense hordes of crickets that are passing over the eastern portion of Harney county at the present time has been adopted by the stockmen of that section. The Harney Times reports that they drive a large herd of sheep, several thousand in number, to where the crickets are about to do damage, and by driving them back and fourth across the line of march the little chirping insects are totally annihilated by the hoofs of the McKinley quadrupeds. However, it is only necessary to kill a few acres of the foremost of the crickets, as the rest of the band will stop and devour the deceased before continuing their onward march. It requires one cricket about three days to consume a dead comrade, and he will not leave until he has completed his task.

The city of Eugene has decided to abandon the Willamette river as their source of water supply and will sink large wells from which the water will be pumped into a reservoir from which the city will be supplied. They expect to be able to secure an ample supply sufficient for years to come of pure cold water, and are feeling exultant to escape the days for drinking the warm, heated water of the Willamette is short. The day is not far distant when Oregon City will cease using water from the Willamette and will bring her supply from the Clackamas river, whose headquarters are located on the eternal snows of Mt. Hood and whose waters are ice-cold and sparkling clear the entire summer.