

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

THE ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENTS SWEEP THE FIELD.

Marmot Notes.

MARMOT, August 20.—Misses Emma Stenme and Minnie Tackabery gave an evening at home to all the campers at Aschoff's resort on Wednesday evening. They had their rooms tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing, recitations and dancing. At an intermission in the program delicious refreshments were served. A driving party was also made up Thursday, landing at Welch's camp at lunch time, and a sumptuous spread was enjoyed alongside the Salmon river. The Salmon hatchery was also visited and the courteous Mr. Brown showed the ladies all the interesting points in the place.

Smoke is quite thick and the forest fires are raging fiercely all over the mountains. Among the visitors who spent Sunday here were Mr. and Mrs. Baltes and baby, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapin, Mr. Don Woodward, Mr. Foss, and Mesdames Foster, Quinton and Donnell.

Mrs. Agatha Kelley and Miss Fanny Hanley return to Portland in the morning and will make a visit to the Sound for a week.

Threshing has begun in earnest and the weather being far the farmers are cutting their grain very fast.

There are quite a number of city people waiting for accommodations to come and spend their vacation at Aschoff's summer resort.

The crops are looking splendid and unless something unforeseen happens, the farmers will have a good supply of hay and grain this year.

Last Wednesday was the hottest day ever experienced here, 106 degrees in the shade being registered by the thermometer.

The mill at Minsinger has resumed work and a planer has been added to the other machinery.

Mrs. C. Minsinger and Miss Emma Minsinger returned yesterday to their city residence.

Misses McGugin and Leaf paid Miss Aschoff a visit today.

Damascus Notes.

DAMASCUS, Aug. 23.—Threshing is in full swing and the grain is up to the average in yield as well as well as quality. The potato crop will be short, most of the vines are turning yellow. Fruit of all kinds is very plentiful. Quite a number are going to pick huckleberries and rusticate in the mountains. A great many are preparing to pick hops this season, some going for pleasure and the rest for the almighty dollars.

The people of this locality do not seem to have the gold fever very bad, perhaps because they are all silver men.

A great many are passing daily to and from the mountains.

There are several slashings to burn yet, but the air is already dense with smoke. Every Sunday evening the young people gather at Mr. Barton's residence and have a very enjoyable time singing.

Mr. Feathers is experimenting with drying potatoes and if it will pay he intends to dry the entire crop. The process is to peel and slice thinly and then dry until perfectly hard.

Marion Hillery has moved to Gresham to reside for awhile, having gone out of the saw-mill business for.

Indications are that the wedding bells will be ringing soon. It does not take a city girl long to find what she is after.

Sandy News.

SANDY, Aug. 23.—The past week has been one of the warmest known for many years, yet it has been very useful to farmers for drying and harvesting grain. Most of the grain is cut and stacked and some of it threshed. The crop is a good one.

The contract for constructing the large dairy barn for Mr. Vetsch at Boring has been let to Herman Bruns & Sons, the well known Sandy contractors.

A gentleman who has just come over the mountains says the reports of such good crops and splendid weather in the Willamette valley is attracting hundreds of people from Iowa, where he came from. He said that a colony with a capital of \$20,000 dollars wanted to come over the mountains to settle in the great valley of the Willamette, but on hearing that a toll would be charged for coming over the Bar-

low road made up their mind that if Oregon was too poor to have free public highways they would not live in it, so settled in the state of Washington. An effort should be made at the next session of our legislature to have the state purchase the Barlow toll road and make it a free public highway. There is no doubt that many more immigrants would come to settle among us, also hundreds more people would go each summer to Mt. Hood.

D. W. Kinnard of Oregon City is out inspecting the work on the Bullrun bridge.

Casper Arduser and wife and Geo. Boschlin and wife of Portland were the guests of H. Bruns during the past week.

Miss Lizzie Gantenbein of Oregon City is visiting friends here.

August Honecker has gone to Salmon river to prospect for a new Klondike.

Boring Breezes.

BORING, Aug. 22.—Grain is about all stacked and threshing is next in order. Douglass & Co. are expected in here with their large steam thrasher in a few days.

It is to be hoped that the weather will be cooler during the threshing season than it has been the last few days.

W. H. Boring is going with Derby's threshing machine.

Harry Goldstone, who has been visiting at Mr. Vetsch's during the past two months, returned to his home in Portland a week ago.

Edward Bruns, of Sandy, has been working for Ole Aemisseger the last week.

Miss Minta Birdsall returned home from Salmon a week ago and reports having closed a very successful term of school there.

Hops—Strobilaceous and Terpsichorean.

With the good crop of hops this year, and the fairly good prices which will be paid for them, the hop field will be the mecca of many people this fall on profit and pleasure bent. Many will take their summer outing in this way, as they can at once have a pleasant and healthful time camping out, and make the expenses of their trip. While the number of our people who spent some time at the coast and mountains would probably number 500, fully 1200 will doubtless go the hop fields, the suspension of operations of the woolen mills for repairs, helping to swell this number considerably. The combination of pleasure and profit which is a prominent element in a hop field proves a most attractive feature, and the Oregon City delegation to the hop fields promises to be even larger than usual this year, dozens of teams passing every day loaded with pickers, besides those going on the trains and boats.

There is an indefinable charm about the hop-picking season, which once felt can never be entirely eliminated. When one goes hop-picking once he is almost sure to go again. The jolly good fellowship of the hop yard being a social condition which is probably found nowhere else, all being equal socially, for the time at least. Then the friendly dances by candle light in the hop house in the evenings, the dancers keeping step to a single fiddle, all present scenes of the hop picker's life that are attractive in the extreme. With each hop picking time comes these seasons of festivity which belong peculiarly to the hop fields and attract people who would not go elsewhere for their summer outing. If the summer resorts of the state number their hundreds the hop fields claim their thousands, they being a feature of our civilization which could not well be dispensed with, without serious detriment to the health and pleasure of our people.

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CURIOUS PHASES OF THE MAIL SERVICE SIXTY YEARS AGO.

Rates on Ordinary Letters in England Were Almost Prohibitive—Adoption of the Penny Post and the Queer Arguments Against It.

When Queen Victoria ascended the throne, there were no telegraphs in this country and few railways. The mails were forwarded by coach, and the postage rates were to all but the well to do prohibitive. It cost from 4d. to 1s. 8d. to send a "single" letter under an ounce in weight from one part of the kingdom to another. There were some 40 charges, varying according to distance, the average rate being 9d., or half the day's wage of a laborer. A "single" letter meant a single piece of paper (adhesive envelopes had not been invented), and the addition of a second scrap of paper made the letter a "double" one. The postage was paid on delivery by the recipient, and as no credit was given the incursion of a postman into a poor neighborhood was watched on all sides with fear rather than hope.

Coleridge, the poet, saw a poor woman declining to accept a letter on the score of inability to pay. The good natured bard (doubtless with some difficulty) found the required ninepence, despite the woman's remonstrances. When the postman had gone away, she showed Coleridge that the letter was but a blank sheet of paper. Her brother had arranged to send her at intervals such a sheet, addressed in a certain fashion, as evidence that all was well with him, and she as regularly, after inspecting the address, refused to accept it. Some humorist on one occasion sent out large numbers of letters, each on a sheet as large as a tablecloth, all of which had to be delivered as "single" missives.

This system practically stifled written intercourse among the working class and pressed with severity upon the middle class, but the rich and highly placed entirely escaped postal taxation. The privilege of franking covered the correspondence not only of ministers, peers and members of parliament, but of their relatives, friends and acquaintances. While in one year early in the queen's reign no less than 7,400,000 letters were franked, a single London firm paid annually £11,000 for postage and a writer in *The Quarterly* referred flippantly to "so slight and rare an incident in a laborer's life as the receipt of a letter." Among the "pockets" franked was a grand piano. An army of clerks was employed to fix the charges to be collected, and the postal revenue remained stationary between 1815 and 1835, although in the same period the population increased from 19,500,000 to 25,600,000.

Moved by this state of things, parliament in 1839 adopted Rowland Hill's proposal of uniform inland penny postage, which came into operation on Jan. 10, 1840. The writer possesses a copy of *The Quarterly Review* of 1839, in which a contributor (believed to be Croker) fiercely denounced the scheme. "Will clerks," he says, "write only to their fathers and girls to their mothers? Will not letters of romance or love, intrigue or mischief, increase in at least equal proportions? We doubt whether social and domestic correspondence will be more than doubled. A gigantic exemplification of the old proverb—Penny wise and pound foolish," etc.

Macaulay says that the penny post, when first established, was the object of violent invective, as a manifest contrivance of the pope to enslave the souls of Englishmen. It was described as "sedition made easy." The postal authorities, who in 1784 had opposed the institution of mail coaches, were implacable enemies of penny postage. The postmaster general of 1839, Lord Lichenfield, based his objections on the curious ground that the building at St. Martin's-le-Grand would not be large enough. The secretary, Colonel Maberly, constantly repeated, "This plan we know will fail."

As we know, it succeeded, and the penny rate has been generally adopted in Europe as well as in the United States. The number of letters rose from 80,000,000 in 1837 to 269,000,000 in 1847, and for the year ending on March 31, 1897, about 1,900,000,000. The postal surplus was in 1839 £1,659,510 and in 1896-7 £3,632,133. The number of letters, which was in 1837 about 3 per head and in 1854 15 per head, is now 77 per head.—Fortnightly Review.

High Titles Without Cost.

English folk are copying the American custom of conferring titles upon their children in baptism by using such names as Lord, Earl, Baron, etc. This will mean more to the English child than it has to the American.

One parent in the midlands bestowed on his progeny military as well as social rank. One of his children is christened Baron, another Captain another Colonel and another Major General. London Truth has this statement from one who knows this titled family, and they are to be found at the present time in the neighborhood of Birmingham. At this rate every Tommy Atkins in the next generation may be a field marshal.

Every Time.

Master—Tombs, this is an example in subtraction. Seven boys went down to a pond to bathe, but two of them had been told not to go in the water. Now, can you tell me how many went in?

Tombs—Yes, sir. Seven.—London Tit-Bits.

Justin McCarthy is quite gray haired. His beard is bushy, and his gold rimmed spectacles impart a benign air to his face, which indeed well suits his wild manner. As for his energy, one would say that it was inexhaustible. He is a politician, a journalist, a novelist and a historian.

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