

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

THE ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENTS SWEEP THE FIELD.

Viola Farmers Profiting By Past Experience and Digging their Potatoes Early.

Viola Nov. 2.—The Viola correspondent has been silent for a long time and we think it about time this part of the country was being heard from again.

Farmers have been improving the good weather doing fall plowing and getting in their fall wheat. Some of the wheat looks very good.

Messrs Allen and Murdock purchased a grain drill this fall to put in their grain with.

Wm. Stone bought a sulky spring tooth cultivator and seeder compined a few days ago.

Mr Stone got kicked in the chest by a young horse about a week ago. If the horse had kicked him nearer the heart the injury would probably have been serious.

Mr Shilts has rented Mr. James' place near Redland. They have just moved to this part of the country.

Rev. W. D. Morehouse is the new minister appointed to the Viola circuit.

M. E. Quarterly meetings will be held at Viola the 6th and 7th by Rev. J. Parsons, presiding elder.

The teachers meeting at Redland was well attended by teachers and also by patrons of the schools. The ladies served an excellent dinner which all enjoyed. The program was interesting and a number of the teachers took part in the discussion. The calisthenic drill by Mr. Rutherford's school was appreciated by all who saw it.

The Epworth League of Viola gave a ribbon social October 31st. After a short literary program those present were served with an excellent supper, after which the evening was spent in playing games.

Mr. Watkins is building a nice house which is nearly completed.

Farmers are digging their potatoes. They don't propose to be caught by the freeze. Experience is an effective teacher.

Mink Items.

MIKE, October 31.—Will Steiner, who has been working out all summer, is home for a couple of weeks.

Andrew McKenneth has taken a contract to clear ten acres of land for Michael Noehke. Andrew is a rustler and if there is money to be made clearing land he will make it.

Spelling school is one of the pastimes of the week. We have spelling and other contests in our school house every Tuesday evening, so long as the pleasant weather continues. These contests are interesting as well as instructive, and open to all who are interested along educational lines.

Jacob Steiner of Portland was visiting his parents one day last week.

Will Hettman has taken a contract to clear five acres of land for his father at the rate of \$25 per acre besides the first year's crop. Such inducements are encouraging to the boys.

Miss Vina Moehnke is going to Vancouver next week to stay with her sister, Mrs. Charles Shookley.

Mrs. E. F. Glinther went to Portland yesterday.

Fred Moehnke is celebrating his silver wedding today in the presence of a host of invited friends.

Charlie Chioaman was in our burg one day last week and has rented the hop-yards of Mr. Bluhm, Michael and Fred Moehnke at the rate of \$16 per acre.

Lawrence Hornschub, who has been spending the summer working on the Columbia slough has returned home in a crippled condition. He was standing on the top of a ladder, about two stories high, when it suddenly broke and Lawrence fell to the ground. As a result of the fall he has a cracked ankle and a split bone in his leg, but is getting along as well as could be expected. Lawrence is rather unfortunate, as he has had a broken leg once before.

Quite a number of our young folks went to the entertainment at Clarks last night. All report a good time.

Mr. Editor, it appears that I have stepped on the sensitive toes of a member of society in this neighborhood, and he seriously objects to the manner in which news is gathered in this locality, intimating that it is not properly gathered. And in accordance with his views I notice he has made an effort to correct an item from this neighborhood that found print October 15th, in which he pretends to be concerned. He further states that nothing but a crank or neighborhood gossip would be able to collect such items as those to which he refers. Now, Mr. Editor, I am the gentleman who sent the items to which he alludes and deny the charge of being a crank or neighborhood gossip either, and I believe I am safe in saying that I am gifted with good common sense at least. But I would hesitate to endorse a paper that would state that the objectioner is of sound mind. Those items to which he refers are true. And instead of denying what I said, he verifies it, or in other words he defines it more clearly. He says they had music and engaged in friendly sport. Now add a little beer and you have the carousal complete. But "an honest confession is good for the soul," and the author of "A Statement Corrected" did it unknowingly. But we must overlook the shortcomings of some people a little, especially when their narrow-mindedness and conceit is the result of a dwarfed mind. He further states that he is surprised to find such slush in your paper and that it only tends to create ill feeling. Now, Mr. Editor, he does not read your valuable paper much or he would see that when morality and the welfare of society are being imposed upon, you always come to its defense and severely denounce the lawless element. He argues on the principle that if a man steals a horse, society should not molest the thief for fear of creating disturbance and ill feeling. Is Mr. Herman so devoid of good sense and sound judgment, that he will say that wrong should be allowed to have its way unmolested, and that right should wink at crime and not exert itself in self-defense? Does he not understand that the parties who

create the slush are the ones who create ill feeling in a neighborhood? Does he think that when any wrong is done in a community society has no right to know it and interfere? Such may be the case where he was born, and such may be the principles inculcated in his mind from youth up, but, Mr. Editor, in this country, where public schools and a sense of right and respect for society prevail, we learn to respect our fellowmen and to do homage to our Creator, in a manner befitting the occasion on the Sabbath day. In conclusion permit me to say that I sincerely believe that Mr. Herman does regret that those items to which he refers have found their way in print. We further believe that every guilty conscience dreads discovery, and when it is discovered, what courage and sham virtue it doth display. Yours in the cause of truth.

Salmon Notes.

SALMON, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Walkley, who has been dangerously ill, is rapidly recovering. Billy Welch has just returned from Portland where he had been to deliver 9 head of beef cattle sold to a Portland butcher.

Mrs. A. M. Yocum passed here on her way to Portland last Saturday. She reports a slight fall of snow at Government camp lately which did not remain long.

A letter recently received from J. T. McIntyre who is at Skaguay, Alaska, and dated October 1st, reports the writer as well and working every day. He says the packing is about done for the fall unless they can pack after the freeze up, and that it is the hardest place on the face of the earth for horses; that a pathway could be lined with their dead bodies from Skaguay to Lake Bennett, 40 or 50 miles. He reports that there is talk of a railway being constructed to Lake Bennett from Skaguay which would greatly ease the work of getting to the gold fields.

S. Coleman has been out on the toll road with a crew of men for several days but has gone home again. Travel will probably not last much longer this season, as we are not likely to have much more fine weather. Tom Brown will soon have finished his season's work at the racks. All eggs taken up here have been sent to the Clackamas hatchery, except those hatched to be turned out in these waters. These are nearly ready to be turned loose to shift for themselves.

The Indians from the Warm Springs reservation have all gone home. Some of them made themselves very troublesome in many ways, stealing fruit, begging, and taking salmon from where they had collected close to the racks. An effort will be made to prevent so many of them coming here another year.

As Tom Brown was going to the post-office for mail last Saturday he met a 3-prong buck deer which did not at first seem inclined to give the road, but no hostile demonstration being made it gave its head a final shake and walked slowly off into the brush. Deer are not usually so familiar, but this one probably noticed that Mr. Brown carried no gun.

Marmot Items.

MARMOT, Nov. 1.—Now that all the farmers around here had time to thresh their grain and put their straw and grain away they are all happy and after these few days rain are preparing once more for plowing. The crop has not been as good as expected owing to the untimely rain in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Aschoff have been promoted in rank since the 1st of October. Their daughter Mary presented her husband, Paul Meinig, at Sandy, with a seven pound baby girl, hence the title of grandparents to Mr. and Mrs. Aschoff.

Mr. E. A. Stern arrived here last Saturday to investigate once more the thieves who entered his house some time ago and robbed him of everything. He is collecting evidence with the intention of prosecuting them. There are several men connected with this affair and there will be a surprise for some people at the proper time.

Mrs. Ison Shelton died at the home of Rev. Embree, October 8th, and was buried at the Cliffside cemetery on the 9th. The funeral was a very large one. Nearly all the neighbors turned out to do honor to their friend and neighbor. Rev. Embree conducted the funeral services at the grave. Snowflakes made their appearance last week and the mornings are beginning to show frost.

There are prospects of continuing school one and one-half months longer.

Clackamas Items.

CLACKAMAS, Nov. 3.—Etnel Clark who sustained a severe fracture of the wrist last Thursday is getting along as well as could be expected.

W. S. Runyan, a dry goods merchant of this place, has retired from business. Thos. Howell his successor, now extends a hearty welcome to all his old customers, at the old stand.

Mr. Seal's folks have moved up to McMinnville. Mr. Hatch and family has also left us.

J. A. Manning has sold his place and will shortly remove with family to Spokane. He has resigned his position as superintendent of the Congregational Sabbath School and also as president of the Y. P. S. C. E. Mr. Manning and family have only been amongst us a year and a half, and yet they have made many friends, who sincerely regret their departure.

Some of our old and highly esteemed citizen have gone courting. What wonder then if the young follow in their footsteps. The witches were returned loose last Sunday night. But nearly every one found their gates on their neighbors property.

Eagle Creek Notes.

EAGLE CREEK, Oct. 25.—Several of the leading citizens of Eagle Creek have been working the road leading past the Glover farm, under the supervision of Hugh Currier.

Mrs. J. W. Douglass has moved to Dufur, Wasco county, to school her children.

J. S. Welch of Clackamas, formerly of this place, fell while walking across a street in Portland recently and seriously injured his lame leg. He is with his mother, Mrs. Carter, and is recovering slowly.

There is considerable fall grain to be sown yet in this section.

An Oregonian Abroad.

RIALTO, Calif., Oct. 23.—Since writing my last communication, I have taken a trip by wagon, about seventy miles, to the coast at Westminster, going by one road and returning by another, taking in the heart of the orange country. We passed through the towns of Riverside, Arlington, Corona, Orange, Santa Anna, Garden Grove, Anaheim, Fullerton, Pomona, Ontario and Cucamonga. These are all beautiful towns, much alike in many respects, yet each possessing some features peculiar to itself. It would take too much space to mention each, but I cannot resist the temptation to attempt a description of one avenue at Riverside, although I realize how inadequate are words to give the readers a fair impression of a scene so unlike anything with which they are familiar. Imagine an avenue four miles long, one hundred feet wide, with a row of large pepper trees, eucalyptus, magnolias, and others of which I have forgotten the names, on each side, and two rows down the center, with a paved road on each side as smooth as a floor and a paved sidewalk the whole length of the avenue. Alternating with the other trees are great palms some of them thirty feet or more high and from two to three feet thick, standing like a row of giant columns with a crown of waving leaves, some two feet across, on top. These are between the sidewalk and the driveway, and back of them is a hedge of cypress trimmed in all sorts of fanciful shapes, and behind the hedges are orange groves of from ten to twenty acres with yards and residences where the owners seem to vie with each other in producing beautiful effects. Bear in mind that this is not in town but might be called a suburban or country district with not a business house, not even a saloon, for the whole four miles. I don't know how I could give your readers a better idea of the buildings than to say that for the whole distance the residences will average fully as fine as the Morey residence in Oregon City. As we rode down the avenue the thought came to me, supposing it were possible for one to go to sleep in Oregon City and be transported to the middle of this avenue and there awakened. The first thought would be that he had died and was in paradise, and he would commence to wander up and down looking for the angels with wings and harps. But what is this coming, a street car drawn by mules? Surely there is some mistake here; there can be no mules in paradise. And if he should wander out beyond this avenue into the desert he would begin to look for satan with his cloven feet, and if he chanced to blunder into a big bed of cactus, he would exclaim very emphatically, "Surely this is hell." Such is the contrast between the country in a natural state and after the hand of man has transformed it into a veritable Garden of Eden.

But do not think I have been so carried away by these new, strange scenes as to lose my head and see only one side of this country. I promised in my last letter to tell of some of the bad features of this country, and there are several of them.

In the first place, the whole of this country in a natural state is a barren desert producing nothing but cactus, wild plants and greasewood. The Almighty never intended it for the habitation of man, but somehow man in this progressive age is getting ahead of the Almighty, and whenever he can get a supply of water is crowding out the coyotes, jack rabbits and rattlesnakes and making the desert to bloom with a beauty that rivals the oriental dreams of splendor. But here is where I ran against my first snag, that water supply. When we consider that without a supply of water for irrigating purposes, all this orange land is not worth a cent and that if the supply of water were withdrawn for two years all this country would relapse into a desert, we realize how important is the water question.

With the water question in a very unsettled condition, and the subject in constant litigation, rival companies contending over the source of supply, with blanket mortgages and water bonds covering much of the land, it stands intending purchasers in hand to investigate well the title not only to the land but also to the water rights.

One must also take into consideration the fact that nearly all of the orange land is a very poor, sandy, gravelly soil, incapable of producing much of a crop without the use of commercial fertilizers.

It will require an expense of from seven to ten dollars per year for a bearing orchard for fertilizer, and from three to five dollars per acre for water, and one can readily see that he must have good returns to pay expenses.

Fuel is very scarce, many using coal oil stoves. Most of the firewood is plum and greasewood roots dug up on the desert, so that in this country "they dig for wood and climb for water" is really true, the water supply coming from the mountains.

Again, one looks in vain for the green fields and gardens of Webfoot. Nearly everyone in the orange belt buys their garden truck, horse and cow feed from sections where they raise alfalfa and barley hay.

For family use their fruit cannot compete with the apples, pears, plums, prunes, cherries and small fruit of Oregon, none of which we see here to speak of except peaches and some prune orchards which are being dug up to make room for oranges. There are many vineyards but from the number neglected and from what I hear they do not pay much.

They can beat us on two things, roads and climate, but one cannot live altogether on climate, nor can he enjoy good roads without an income and after viewing the situation all around my advice to Oregonians would be, if you have good health and are a poor man struggling for a home, stay in Webfoot where the Almighty supplies the rain needed and allows no man to come the supply.

If you are suffering with lung or catarrh troubles come south to a dryer climate. Or if you have plenty of money and want a change of climate come to Southern California where, by a liberal use of your money you can make a paradise on earth.

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