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**Alta M. Wilcox and Her Sister Daisy Have Very Successful Trip.**

## CANVASS FARMERS ALONG THE COLUMBIA

**Glen Byerley Is Working Hard for a Scholarship in the Agricultural College at Corvallis—He Wants to Be an Engineer.**

Alta M. Wilcox was quite ill last week and so was hindered in her contest work. She recovered Monday and



Alta M. Wilcox, Cleone contestant, who is making creditable showing in The Journal educational contest.—Photo by Browning.

has since been able to add many votes to her score during the last few days. Alta has canvassed her own home town and neighboring towns so well that now she has to seek other fields to conquer.

The other day Alta and her sister Daisy canvassed the farmers between Washougal, Camas and Vancouver, by rowing along the Columbia river in a small skiff. The girls did well on this boat trip.

Alta could do better in her canvassing among the farmers if she had a horse and buggy. But she proposes to win a scholarship with the means at her own command. One day in the week she uses her father's rig and on other days she walks along the dusty, hot roads. But Alta is a "plucky" maiden and always is ready to meet every disadvantage with a smiling face. Alta made a fine record last week, reporting and turning in subscriptions amounting to \$46.15, mostly money collected from new subscribers.

**Writes Business-Like Letter.**

The excellent style employed by this contestant in her business correspondence is worth exhibiting. Here is a sample letter just arrived:

"Cleone, Or., July 25, 1907. The Oregon Journal, Portland, Or., Gentlemen: I have been working out in the country today, and am sending the receipts and votes for the subscriptions I received. Tomorrow I am going to work at the Sandy. They have several mills there and if no one has preceded me I think I will get a good many subscriptions there. Yours truly,

"ALTA M. WILCOX,"

**Faithful In Practice.**

Among the numerous letters indorsing Alta M. Wilcox one is selected to be printed today. Other letters about her will be published in their turn:

"This is to certify that Alta M. Wilcox has been a pupil in music of mine for two years, regular in attendance, faithful in practice, never losing a lesson except for sickness or some equally good reason, and I cordially recommend her to any teacher as a faithful, diligent pupil.

MRS. E. A. WHITNEY.

"Cleone, Or., July 15, 1907."

**The Farmer Boy.**

Glen Byerley, "the farmer lad," enters The Journal contest from Airle, determined to win a cash purse in order to pay his way at the Oregon Agriculture college, Corvallis, where he wishes to take a course in mechanics.

Glen was born at Rickreall, a small town near Dallas, and lived there until he was about eight years old. He attended the village school of Rickreall a year or so; then his parents moved to a farm near Airle. Here on the farm Glen lived with his mother, father and younger brother.

The boy would do chores on the farm mornings and evenings and during the day attend the little school house on the hill. But at Airle there is no higher school work than the eighth grade and having completed this he must go away from home to obtain a more skillful training. He has helped himself in various ways to attain this end.

During the past winter Glen has been studying with the International Correspondence school of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He took this opportunity to study at home in order to prepare for course in the Corvallis college. Glen hopes to complete preparation for a year of practical training in the Niagara Light & Power company of Niagara, New York. Glen is not a boy who will be content with being an ordinary

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workman, but he aspires to become a most skillful electrician.

**Farmers Are Well Informed.**

Glen is the older of two children. He is 17, his brother, Herbert, is 16. Glen's father, Leroy Byerley, is a respected farmer and hop grower of the Willamette valley. The elder Byerley is a member of the United Artisans and Glen hopes to obtain help in his contest race from his father's fellow lodge members who are loyal to their own.

Glen, like most other boys on the farm, is a fine horseman and any day he may be seen on his pony or on a bicycle speeding over the country roads in quest of contest subscriptions. The district that Glen has to canvass is one of the most fertile and prosperous sections of the Willamette valley. The

farmers in that district are well informed and good patrons of daily newspapers. They are always ready to help a young man in his struggle for an education. It was in this same district that Mildred Clemens last year won a great many of her victorious votes.

The farmers are very busy at this time of year but this does not discourage Glen. He is used to the ways of agriculturists and he will ride across the fields and talk contest to the farmers while they work.

Glen will canvass all of the small towns around Airle and he will go anywhere and everywhere he thinks he may find subscriptions.

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**New Mining Incorporation.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Sumpter, Or., Aug. 2.—A new company has been formed by John Thomsen and

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and lose all interest when help is within reach. Herbine will make that liver perform its duties properly. J. B. Vaughn, Elber, Ala., writes: "Being a constant sufferer from constipation and a disordered liver, I have found Herbine to be the best medicine, for these troubles, on the market. I have used it constantly. I believe it to be the best medicine of its kind, and I wish all sufferers from these troubles to know the good Herbine has done me. Sold by all druggists."

of this city, called the Razos Mining company, of which he, E. H. Horner and C. C. Basche, are the incorporators. The capital stock is \$25,000. It is understood that this corporation comes into existence for the purpose of exploiting some holdings which Mr. Thomsen recently acquired in the Cornucopia district.

**Catholic Church at Freewater.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Freewater, Or., Aug. 2.—Right Rev. Bishop O'Reilly will arrive here next Sunday from Baker City, and in addition to delivering one of his famous lectures he will select a site for the new Catholic church to be erected here in the fall. There are a number of Catholics in this vicinity, and services are

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