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UP ON WILD HORSE

R. F. JOHNSON SPEAKS OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS.

He Has Lived in Those Mountains for 23 Years and Thinks Nature Has Especially Favored That Portion of Umatilla.

Fairview Farm, March 14.—(To the Editor)—I have noticed several articles in the E. O. at different times relating to conditions and the doings of people and things in so many different localities, but so far I have failed to see anything concerning the people and conditions on the foothills southeast of the City of Weston, Oregon.

These hills are known by the name of "Reed & Hawley," and the "Wild Horse" mountains. By your kind permission I desire to state a few straight facts regarding the many favorable conditions existing here.

First of all, allow me to call attention to the healthful state of the people here.

During the fall and the whole winter season not a single case of sickness of any kind nor even the measles.

It can truly be said that no place can be pointed out anywhere, which is more exempt from sickness and disease than are these desirable mountain homes.

Besides being healthy there are yet many other points wherein these mountain ranches show up to advantage. To begin with, the richness and the fertility of the soil here can not be excelled anywhere. No irrigation is had here, save that which Nature sends.

All kinds of grain is raised here, such as wheat, oats, barley, rye, corn and garden and field peas and all of first quality.

Also potatoes and all kinds and varieties of vegetables of first-class quality are produced here in great abundance. The potatoes and fall turnips grown on the mountains are simply a marvel both in regard to quantity and quality, and are everywhere acknowledged as the very best on any market.

Grasses of all kinds and descriptions, such as timothy, clover, bromus, red-top, orchard grass, blue grass, and about every other kind of grasses known grow here absolutely to perfection and irrigation that without any coaxing or artificial means in the least.

Fruit is raised here in the greatest abundance. The finest of apples, pears, plums, prunes and cherries are all growing here on every farm, yielding large crop each season. Apples as well as the rest of the fruit raised here is entirely "free from worms." Gooseberries, raspberries and currants are also extensively raised, but no worms will be found in these small fruits. Hops, also, is a record-breaker here. In the line of strawberries, these mountains will out-rival and take first place against any other section or country in producing a large, delicious strawberry.

Another advantage which the mountains farmer have here worth considering is his supply of fuel.

On Reed & Hawley and the Wild Horse mountains are no less than three fine school districts, to-wit: Nos. 14, 95 and 96; and each one is supplied with a new and commodious school house where school is held all the way from four to seven months respectively in each year. No. 96 will conclude a six months' winter term of school by the first of April next. Miss Effie Plankinton is the teacher here.

Preaching at the church is also held in this district twice each month.

A postoffice is also to be found here, named Briggson, with Mr. William McCorkell as postmaster, and a regular mail service each way three times a week under the direction of the writer.

A movement is now on foot among the people to also have a telephone line established between the settlement and the city of Weston.

And yet, notwithstanding all of these favorable conditions existing here, still one can now and then find a person with a roaming disposition and inclined to sell out their home; caused no doubt through a delusive hope of yet finding a perfect and complete paradise.

Much more could be said concerning the smiles and favors which Nature has lavished upon this part of Umatilla county. The writer of this letter has lived, continuously, on these hills during the last 23 years, and has gained his knowledge of conditions through actual experience and observation.

"God bless these hills"—our mountain homes.

So richly blessed by Nature: Where neither drouth nor blizzard comes.

But God rewards our labor.

—R. F. JOHNSON.

DEATHS AT MILTON.

Three Families of This Neighbor City Visited by the Great Leveller.

Milton, March 17.—Willie, the 12-year-old son of Sherman Misner, living seven miles up the river, died last Friday morning of typhoid fever after an illness of about four weeks, and was buried in the Bowles cemetery last Sunday morning. The funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. D. C. Sanderson, of the M. E. church, of this city.

May Williams, the 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. Fanny Williams died at her home on Main street in this city last Tuesday morning of scarlet fever. The little one complained of feeling ill at Sunday school, but nothing was thought of it until Monday morning, when Dr. Kennedy was called and pronounced it scarlet fever, but the disease had such a hold on the little life, that the hand of death could not be checked and on Tuesday evening at 7 p. m. as the sun was sinking behind the hills and the evening shades were gathering around the little spirit took its flight.

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This is glorious news to those holding Western Coal and Iron Company's stock. The Tacoma company intends to place their coal on the market here as soon as shipping facilities have been furnished. For further information I cordially invite you to call at my office, where samples of the coal, reports, maps, diagrams, prospectuses, letters from prominent bankers, lawyers and other business men, who have investigated this coal proposition can be seen. Respectfully,

JOHN HAILEY, JR.,
LOCAL AGENT,
Room 16, Judd Building,
PENDLETON, OREGON

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Sanderson of the M. E. church.

Mrs. Dickerson died at her home in North Milton, last Friday morning of tuberculosis, aged 48 years. Mrs. Dickerson, though not old was one of the pioneers of this county. She was born in Huntsville, Ark. in 1855, where she married a man by the name of Philip in 1871, they coming to Oregon the same year and settling near this place. Mr. Phillips died in 1882, leaving a wife and six children, of whom three are living. Mrs. Philip again married a man by the name of Savage in 1885, who died in a short time leaving one child. She again married in 1892 to Mr. Dickerson, who survives her. Mrs. Dickerson was of a lovable disposition and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

FROM GRANDE RONDE TO JOSEPH

Wallawa County Commissioners Figure on Building Road.

Joseph, Ore., March 17.—The county commissioners of Wallawa are figuring on opening a road from the mouth of the Grande Ronde to Joseph, anticipating the inauguration of a steamboat service on the Snake from Lewiston to Pittsburg Landing. The proposed through road would be precipitous in places, and several miles of actual construction would be necessary, but it would give Joseph ready access to the Snake river navigation, and thence to Lewiston and

Spokane, to which places the towns of the Wallawa which are not already tributary eventually will be. The commissioners are being solicited to make an appropriation, and ranchers in the district affected, together with milling men, are expected to contribute.

The boat which will run from Lewiston to Pittsburg Landing, commencing about May 15, will be the property of the Eureka Milling company, but will do a general transportation business.

Iroquois Banquet at Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—Final preparations have been completed for the twenty-second annual banquet of the Iroquois club at the Auditorium hotel tonight. The list of invited guests embraces many prominent democrats, particularly the element known as the "young blood" of the party. The club's action in inviting these younger leaders to address the banquet in preference to the old wheel-horses of the party, such as Bryan, Cleveland, Hill and others, is regarded in political circles as of considerable significance in view of the approaching presidential campaign.

The Entering Wedge.

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