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OREGON AHEAD.

Of California, Says a Corvallis Man—What He Saw.

"Where I visited in my old home neighborhood in San Joaquin county, California, I found that the country had retrograded instead of advancing, since my last visit there 33 years ago. Of course the cities are larger, but in the rural districts things have gone backward instead of forward."

Such is the statement of John Senger of this city, who returned a few days ago from an extended trip through California. He says that in San Joaquin county where formerly there were fine, thrifty orchards of luscious fruits there is now ruin and no fruit, because the San Jose scale has made a clean sweep of the whole thing. People do not seem to understand how to protect themselves from the pest, Mr. Senger says, and the orchards have literally been laid waste.

Fruit is higher there than in Oregon, which was a great disappointment as well as a surprise to the Oregon visitors. A branch from a lemon tree, brought home by the Corvallisites, has on it blossoms, small green lemons, large green lemons and the fully ripened fruit.

Another thing that was observed was the poorer class of horses used in California, compared to Oregon, but the former state is way in the lead on roads. Oil is used for sprinkling the public highways once a year, in San Joaquin county, and the results are entirely satisfactory, the method proving the most successful ever tried. In Alameda county the roads are sprinkled all through the country as well as in the cities. One piece of road that Mr. Senger had often traveled in years gone by, and which was loose and sandy has not been oiled for two years yet it is a smooth, solid, road bed today, showing the lasting results of sprinkling with oil.

Speaking of conditions in ruined San Francisco, Mr. Senger declares that most that is sent out in reports to the newspapers as to the building going on there, is "hot air." Very little permanent building is being done, comparatively speaking, although there are many common buildings and "shack" residences springing up. Some of structures that were begun before the fire are now being rushed to completion, among which is the Fairmount Hotel near Nob Hill. A large part of the business houses now occupy what were formerly residences. Many streets are still almost impassable for foot passengers, and there is ruin on every hand.

A gentleman who has lived in San Francisco for years and who was there during the disaster says that he would wager all he has that the number of lives lost during the horror would reach 25,000, if there was any way of proving it. Great piles of debris still remain everywhere and it is certain that dozens of human bodies were buried there when the fire came, for those who escaped from the same neighborhoods relate how scores of people were left shrieking and screaming in those very buildings when the survivors ran in terror from the place. The question is, then, "How many perished?"

A sister of Mr. Senger resides 14 miles from Oakland, and she declares that for weeks the stench that came from the city of San Francisco was almost unbearable even at that distance, and it was, she says, the stench of human flesh, burned and decomposed. There are others who tell the same story.

Prices have gone skyward in Frisco, Mr. Senger says, and poor people can barely exist. Rents and living are entirely out of keeping with the wages paid

to common laborers, who get only \$2 per day. Dressed lumber is over \$40 per thousand and the rough brings twenty odd per thousand, so that the middle class cannot afford to build homes now.

During the visit of the Corvallis people, the street car strike in Frisco was settled by arbitration, and the carpenters who had also been on a strike were given \$5 per day wages.

Mr. Senger states that Oregon looks good to him and that he saw no place quite so attractive.

In Memory.

The following has just been handed the Gazette for publication:

Andrew Palmer died at Ajax, Oregon, September 6th 1906, aged 79 years, 8 months, 16 days. Deceased was born at Montreal, Canada, Dec. 22, 1826. He came to the states when but 14 years of age, and worked on steamboats on the Mississippi river. In 1849 he, in company with Robert Buchanan and others, crossed the plains to California. In 1852 he came to Oregon and settled in Benton county.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Ellen Grimsley, of Benton county and in 1884 they left Benton and went to Gilliam to reside. He took up land there and made it his home until he died. He was the father of six children all of whom survive him. Mrs. A. V. Thrasher, Corvallis, Oregon; Mrs. Georgia Cameron, Centerville, Washington; Edward G. and Sylvan of Ajax, Oregon; Frank A. of Portland, and Clarence of Independence, Oregon.

He had 18 grandchildren living at the time of his death. He was a kind husband and father and a good neighbor. His life was full of good deeds, quietly done.

Georgia Minstrels.

To those who enjoy mirth, music and song, the coming of Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels will be hailed with delight. This sterling organization has weathered the theatrical seas for twenty-eight years, never changing management, and not once departing from their established rule of presenting only what is great, good and wholesome in the minstrel world. Other minstrel companies have come and gone, but Richards and Pringle's go on forever. The secret of their success has been the fact that the management has always firmly believed that the paying public craved a genuine colored minstrel performance when presented on the lines that made minstrelsy so popular years ago; their belief has been proven to be the correct one. Sweet southern melodies, beautiful and entrancing music by skilled musicians, dancing as only the negro can dance, and witticisms told as only the darky can tell them.

Clarence Powell, the comedian, who has made the whole world laugh, is still at the head of the list of artists, and will bring with him this season a big budget of good things that he has collected during the past summer. The company travels in their own Pullman Palace Cars and number over 40 people. The noon-day parade and the free evening concert are a feature this season, and will be given as usual. The date of their appearance is Saturday, September 29, at the opera house.

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MUST NOT DEPORT.

Women to Oregon—Order to Restrain Judge Frater.

No case for many months or even years, has created such widespread discussion among all classes of people as has the Mitchell-Creffield case at Seattle, and the end is not yet. Under date of Monday, a Seattle dispatch has the following:

Superior Judge Frater is restrained by order of the supreme court issued this morning from making an order directing the sheriff to transfer Esther Mitchell and Maud Hurt-Creffield to Oregon and as a result free them from the necessity of standing trial for the murder of George Mitchell. Judge Frater was also ordered to appear before the supreme court October 26 and show cause, if any exists, why he should not be permanently enjoined from having the two women accused of murder deported and the criminal laws of the state set at naught.

The order preventing Judge Frater from carrying out his expressed determination of saving the women from trial by deportation was secured by a deputy of Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh. The county attorney prepared the necessary papers Saturday and his deputy left for Olympia this morning. At noon Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh received word that the supreme court had come to his aid in his attempt to prevent the murderers from escaping trial.

The writ issued by the court directs Judge Frater not only to show cause why he should not be prevented in his attempt to turn the two murderers loose upon the people of the friendly state of Oregon, but why he should not be compelled to return the cases to the trial docket from which he arbitrarily struck them. Pending the date of this hearing the order issued this morning will prevent Judge Frater from carrying out his scheme to liberate the women.

Bellefontain Breezes.

Samuel Reader finished up a very successful run, Wednesday, having been out with his machine about 33 days.

They began picking prunes at the Excelsior prune orchard, Monday. Since hockpicking is over in this vicinity, laborers are not so scarce, and H. T. Bristow is able to secure plenty of pickers.

Bruin has been having some very fine suppers lately. About the middle of the past week he became very bold and came down to L. H. Hawley's pasture. Here he was found, dogs and men were secured, and after a few miles of rapid flight bruin "went up a tree," where he stayed until the dogs came up, then a man not far off came and shot him.

There is a reward offered for any coyote that is started between Bellefontain and Beaver Creek, and slain anywhere in the county, as they are doing great damage to stock. Five or six men north of town have offered from five to ten dollars each for every coyote killed in this vicinity.

The Christian, Endeavor held its first meeting last Sunday night it closed the first of August. We hope for a successful year.

The Bellefontain public school opens next Monday, with H. L. Mack as principal, and Mrs. E. H. Belknap as primary teacher. It is hoped that the tenth grade can be successfully added as there are several scholars who wish to take the course.

Miss Rose Hull will teach at Central No 50 this fall.

Frank Williams gave up going out to Roseburg to school, and went to OAC.

Miss Una Waltz' of Berkeley,

Calif., is visiting with her uncle, M. M. Waltz.

L. A. Peck, Bellefontain's faithful mail carrier, will have a week's vacation now. Norman Miller will be his substitute.

Some of the farmers in this vicinity are beginning their fall plowing.

Merle Howard expects to attend OAC this winter.

Miss Pearl Persinger will begin teaching the old Alpine school Monday morning.

The Messrs. Malone and Holter are going to put up quite a large barn on their farm.

Where W. A. Starr and Mack Coffee cleaned out their channel of Muddy, has had a very marked effect, as the water on respective places has been lowered a great deal, as well as that on the places adjoining them above. If the others would follow their example and clean out the creek they would have much more use of their low swampy land.

Owen Watkins is to run the Barnard field this year in connection with what he already has on the Coffee place.

Members of the ladies' Aid are contemplating a "harvest home" social in the near future.

Wm. Rees has begun moving to Corvallis. He has Mr. Stanturf helping him.

Charley Perin has 2500 posts to get out of the mountains this fall. If he is not careful he may have some mud.

Mrs. H. L. Mack has had quite a class in instrumental music this summer. She says they are progressing nicely. Surely Bellefontain will have a few musicians in the future to fall back on. Among her pupils are Fay Woodcock, Gold Clem and Leona Humphrey.

J. W. Powers who bought the W. J. Price place on the headwaters of the Asea, and has been living in the Bruce house near his place, expects to build next spring on his own place.

Several of Bellefontain's industrious farmers are contemplating a few improvements to make things more handy about their places. A. D. Buckingham, L. N. Edwards and W. F. Starr expect to put up some windmills and tanks very soon.

Mr. Bradley's will move back very shortly to Bellefontain from their ranch so that their son, Clint, can attend school.

L. A. Peck has just moved on to his own place, the old Wheeler farm and A. H. Mercer will move into the house he vacated.

Merle Howard has gone to Corvallis that he may attend OAC.

China pheasants are very scarce this year compared to what they have been in the past.

M. M. Waltz who built a silo this year and filled it with vetch has found it to be so good for his milk cows that he filled it with vetch this season, then during the dry season fed from it. He is now filling it with corn for the winter's feeding. Mr. Waltz says: "It is my opinion that it is much cheaper and better to feed ensilage, and some chopped oats, along with the vetch than it is to buy bran and feed out the cash." Mr. Waltz has tried both; if he finds this so it seems to us it were time some of the industrious dairymen were following his example.

Bellefontain has a new blacksmith, a Mr. Paewman from Ballston, Oregon. It is hoped that he will be successful and satisfy the people by good work.

T. L. Reader has been moving to his new home. He has rented the place where Elmer Dinges has been living. Mr. Dinges is to go to Shedd station.



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New Wheat for Benton, Why Not Use Electric Lights? A carload of "turkey red" wheat arrived in Corvallis the first of this week from Iowa and will be divided among various farmers of Southern Benton. The shipment is an experiment and the results will be awaited with much interest by farmers throughout the county. Turkey red wheat is red in color as the name implies; it yields much more heavily than ordinary wheat and it is hoped a change may result in the wheat crops of Benton by trying something new. There was 500 bushels in the carload and it was procured by W. J. Watkins of near Monroe. Others who had an interest in the experiment were Robert Herron, Casper and Albert Zierolf, Arlie Meeks and Frank Whiteaker. Laid down in Corvallis the real cost 81 cents per bushel, if it does what is expected in the way of returns it will reap at that figure or even more. I will start the Corvallis cider factory October 1st. Will pay cash for apples, make for one half, or make for 3 cents per gallon. Empty barrels for sale. Geo. W. Smith. 78 tf

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