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The field of The News is the first agricultural county of Oregon. First for clover, for onions, for grapes, and in dairying; it also leads in diversified farming and is famous for fine horses, good cattle and blooded sheep and goats. Its hay is being bought, thousands of tons of it, by the government to feed cavalry horses in the Philippines; its wines took gold medals over California's exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair. Its prunes and hops get the top prices in the market, and sugar beets, flax, tobacco, sweet potatoes, horse radish, and mushrooms show the variety of its production. Its 18,000 people live in 3500 houses, of which 2500 are on farms, and the great majority own their own homes. Six wagon roads and two lines of railway connect the county with Portland, metropolis of the Pacific Northwest, from 4 to 32 miles distant, and here is found ready sale for its products. Good schools, good roads, a network of farm telephones and many rural delivery routes affording daily mail make Washington county a prosperous country region with all the conveniences of the city.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE



Patton Valley, July 21.—The Christian Endeavor Society of the Patton Valley church gave a social last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Pem Patton. There was a good attendance, twenty-two in all. Miss Bertha Leabo and Miss Mattie Fowler, of Forest Grove, were among the number. All enjoyed a good time.—Mr. Leabo and family are camped on the Johnson-Leabo farm. They expect to stay about a month, when they will return to their home in Forest Grove.—Miss Mattie Fowler, of Forest Grove, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Allen, of Patton Valley. Miss Fowler expects to stay only a short time.

Gaston, July 23.—Mr. Carmichael has a new barn nearing completion and he is getting ready to store away an immense hay crop that is growing on the Lake property. He has added a new convenience in the shape of an office in one corner of the big warehouse on the railroad.—Some of our farmers have invested in what is called a "go devil," that is used instead of a wagon to haul the hay from the field to the stack. They are something new for these parts and are a labor-saving machine.—About twenty of Gaston's young people went picnicing up the Patton creek. They took along a big can of ice cream and a number of big cakes and put in the day as only a jolly lot of young ones can.—A number of Gastonites have been out for a shoot and the result is venison enough to go around. Charles Best is the best shot, as he killed a fine big antelope buck clear across a four-mile canyon, and he claims that it didn't strain the gun either.—Hal Hibbs has a new boarder. His name is Bismark. He stands seven feet and three inches in his stocking feet.—Johnny Stewart is in the bark business, peeling and buying all he can find. He expects to gather up enough before the summer is over to start the biliary secretions of the whole human family. Bring in your bark and Johnny will pay you what is right.—John Beal (Ole Bull) gave a dance at the Miller hop house that was well attended and all had a good time.—Jessie Hibbs has been at home for a rest and to recuperate from a very bad cold, the past two weeks.—The Gaston ball club think it was not for his big nose that Dr. Everest would make a star player, but the Doctor will be ruled out, as he can't get around it.—Bugler, Ohler and J. Atkins have purchased a compound engine and hay baler. They also have a wood-sawing machine at-

tachment. Look out for these fellows for they are the men to make things go.—From the amount of freight put off at Gaston our merchants must be doing a rushing business. Mowers, binders, hayrakes, wagons, go-devils, hacks, groceries and dry goods galore. Gaston is a lively spot if it is off on one side of the globe.—From the number of correspondents The News has it must be read by every man, child and old woman in the county.—The S. P. R. R. Co. scattered posts for a fence along the track about a year ago and they are now scattering the lumber and may build the fence next summer.—Mr. Purdy has discovered a fine stone for building purposes on the farm he recently bought of Mr. Roe. Mr. Purdy is going to develop the mine and will use the stone for the basement of a new house that he is going to build upon his late purchase. This stone is full of shell fossils showing that it at some time in the past ages was at the bottom of the "deep, deep sea."—It has been summer for only a short time, but the dry weather is drying up early potatoes and garden vegetables, and unless we get some more rains it will make the late sown grain short. It is ideal weather for the present rush of haying and farmers are improving it.

Buxton, July 20.—Miss Olga Johnson, of Portland, is visiting Mrs. J. F. Johnson, of Buxton.—Mrs. H. A. Crosley, of Tacoma, Washington, has been visiting friends in the neighborhood since the Fourth.—Mr. C. A. Peterson, who is working in Forest Grove, spent Sunday with his family at Buxton.—Miss E. Carlson, of Portland, is visiting friends at Buxton.—Pomona Grange will meet in the Green Mountain Grange hall at Buxton next Wednesday evening.—Mr. Hans Peterson went to Forest Grove Monday morning with his butter.—Marshall Gripp, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, and who has a position with the Wells Hardware Company, of Portland, passed through Buxton Sunday morning in company with a party of young people of Portland, on their way to the Nehalem for a short vacation.

West of Forest Grove, July 23.—Hay making is still in progress and will continue several days yet.—Mr. Robert Stevenson is building a prune dryer and will hereafter be able to dry his own prunes, of which he raises a good quantity.—Mr. A. J. McRill furnished the Valley people with amusement last week, and they ought to appreciate it, for it is not often that they get treated to a good performance these days without cost. You see, it was this way: He had purchased a wheel and he had to learn to ride.—Mr. Caleb Jones raises corn regularly every year and makes a success of it too. He has a mountain stream running through his place, and he floods this, and by means of a ditch at the higher side of the field he is able to run the water anywhere he pleases. Mr. Jones is from Nebraska and no doubt learned the value of irrigation there. In this part of Oregon there are many places where the mountain streams could be used for like purposes.—Mr. Mizner's family have gone to the Coast for a vac-

tion.—Mrs. John Prickett has been seriously ill for several weeks. Dr. Weiger has been attending her of late.—Mr. D. C. Stewart is making preparations to build a new residence.—Hay baling has begun and grain harvest is also here, so the farmer is very busy now.—Last week we mentioned that the valley land was alright; we did not intend to create the impression that it was the only valuable land in this part of the country. No, not at all; the mountain slopes are also valuable for their timber, their pasturage, their fruit, their garden truck. Also their vineyards equal if they do not surpass the noted vineyards of France, and the hardy mountaineers that reside thereon live a life of freedom and enjoy health to an extent that kings might well envy, surrounded though they are with luxury, wearing crowns studded with diamonds and having cattle on a thousand hills. Perhaps we are inclined to use cant phrases too much, in endeavoring to give justice to our country, but we cannot refrain, for we have a good country, of which we have just cause to be proud.

Hayward, July 19.—Mrs. R. Whitten has returned home after a week's visit with friends.—There was preaching at Hayward schoolhouse Sunday.—The farmers of Hayward are about done haying.—The dance at the Hayward dance hall Saturday night had a big crowd and a good time is reported.—If it wasn't for beer and the wireless telephone, Hayward would go dead.—Mr. and Mrs. Dauph went to town Monday.—J. Boos and son are hauling hay from the Spaulding place.—J. A. Fanning was at Greenville Monday on business.

Buxton Precinct, July 21.—Green Mountain Grange held their monthly meeting in the new Grange hall at Buxton Saturday. The county or Pomona Grange also met in the same hall Wednesday, and held an all-day meeting, dinner and supper both being served. At the night session the fifth

degree was worked, after which there was an open session, with an entertaining program.—John Bailey, of Manning, was very favorably disposed toward an offer from a newcomer from Kansas, but his wife was satisfied here so the sale fell through. Mrs. Bailey must be a Republican and believe in letting well enough alone.—Mr. Whitney's folks, who are doing business in the Grove, drove out to the old home in a livery rig today. The people here are glad to know they are prospering in their new business.—Wheat harvest in the valley is almost here, while the hay is not near disposed of.—Ex-Representative C. P. Yates took the third and fourth degree in the Green Mountain Grange yesterday. He is now a full-fledged hayseed with a title (Granger).—Some of the farmers are hauling hay today. Work is driving them beyond their ability to rest Sundays.—Mr. Lem Ingie's family will soon move down where he is working on the lower Columbia river.—The Manning saw mill is rushing the tie business nowadays. That would indicate that ties are better than lumber; still they have plenty of all grades of lumber on hands to satisfy their customers. In both dressed and undressed.—Buxton Precinct is quite sociable and so are the people.

Beaverton, July 22.—Beaverton is quite well represented at Chautauqua, and at the various beaches.—Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Lee are camping at Chautauqua.—Mrs. John Henry and daughter have gone to Seaside for the summer.—Mr. and Mrs. David Purser have taken up their abode in their cottage at Long Beach.—Harry and Ed Morton, Clarence, and Martin, Albert and Earl Evans started Tuesday for a two weeks' trip to Tillamook.—Lawrence, Horace and Delmore Livengood are spending a few days in the mountains of Yamhill county.—George Thing's mother, brother and sister visited with him last Friday.—J. Anderson and family, of Forest Grove, are moving into the house recently purchased here.

—Fanno Bros. are shipping early cabbage and early cauliflower. They report a very satisfactory market for the early product. Speaking of satisfactory markets, how about new onions bringing \$16 in Portland. Never mind about those 40c onions last year.—Beaverton at present is not a healthy place for suspicious looking characters. Whenever a suspicious looking person shows up in town, he is overhauled by the marshal, and if sufficient evidence is not developed to hold him an invitation is given him to move on. Three strangers were retained until a deputy sheriff from Portland arrived to identify them. Not being the persons wanted, they were permitted to go.—One afternoon last week, as the train stopped at the station, a small boy stepped off and started to get a drink at a nearby store. As he moved across the platform he dropped a revolver from his pocket. The marshal captured him, but the boy put up a good story and was permitted to get on the train and proceed to Portland. It has since been ascertained that this boy was the one who stole money from Mr. Schulermerik, at Hillsboro.

Banks, July 31.—G. Wilcox, of this place, is making preparations to put in a large water wheel, by which he intends to run a cutter and elevator, to cut and elevate corn into his silo.—The Fir Grove and Roy Sunday Schools are making preparations for the picnic which is to be held at Fir Grove on the first of August.—M. Turner visited Cornelius yesterday. He says he thinks he could get fat on dust if he could learn to swallow it.—There is some talk of the Schneider sawmill starting up Monday.—Wm. Rohr's dwelling and saloon burned last night at about 1 o'clock. The building took fire in the kitchen. Cause unknown. Insurance \$500.

Glencoe, July 22.—Miss Anna Hess, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hess, has been very low, but is now slowly improving, and her phy-

sician, Dr. J. P. Tamiesle, has hopes of her recovery.—A Mr. John Darling, who was working at Nelson & Reed's sawmill, about ten miles from this place, was hurt quite badly last week. He was riding on the slab-carrier when a belt broke and he was thrown about 50 feet, falling into a pile of rubbish. Two ribs were broken and his head hurt considerably.—Mr. and Mrs. George Harris returned from Hood River Tuesday, where they have been attending camp-meeting.—Walace N. Pasley and Jasper Keffer are hauling lumber for the W. O. W. Hall. On Saturday and Monday they hauled rock for the foundation. They expect to have the carpenters at work on it in a few days. Mr. Roberts, of Mountain Dale, has the contract for building it.—Mrs. Mary Davis is again suffering from catarrh of the stomach.—Mrs. A. Anderson is suffering from blood-poisoning in her foot. A few days ago she bruised her ankle on the side of the door, and Friday morning it was all swollen. They sent for Dr. Sandford, but as he was unable to go, Dr. Tamiesle was called. At the last report she was no better.—J. C. Miller's little boy, John D., aged 12 years, died at Goldendale, Wash., Sunday afternoon, July 19th, 1903. He had been suffering for about eight months with consumption, and about four weeks ago the whole family, with the exception of George, the oldest boy, went up east of the mountains, thinking a change might help him, but instead, he kept gradually failing, and Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock he passed away. They brought him back home for burial, reaching Hillsboro on the morning train Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held in the Arcade school house, and he was laid to rest in the Miller grave yard, by the side of his brother Ezra, who died last September. The family all returned, with the exception of Perry, who was unable to do so.—Parker & Crocker are hauling the machinery for the sawmill near Sam Johnson's. They expect to begin sawing about the middle of August.—Frank Everett, of Hillsboro, is making boxes for the Oregon Condensed Milk Factory.—Mrs. Winters and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. J. W. Connell. Mrs. J. P. Essner, of Mountain Dale, also spent Sunday with Mrs. Connell.—Mrs. Chas. Schuler's two brothers are visiting her from Kansas.—The farmers are all busy with their hay. They all believe in "making hay while the sun shines." Most of them have their hay cut and are now hauling.—M. C. Lincoln is teaming for Mays Bros. this week.—J. W. Goodin and G. C. Lincoln are building a small bridge across the creek in front of James Hoover's house, for Mr. W. W. Paine.—Mrs. W. W. Paine has been sick for a few days, but is improving.—Mrs. Riley has moved from the Goodin house to her brother's, S. A. D. Meek's, where she will stay for a few weeks. She will then go back to Idaho. Her son, Stanley, who went to Idaho a few weeks ago, is gradually improving in health.—A young man hauling lumber from Hoilenbeck's sawmill for the W. O. W. Hall, was overcome with the heat Monday afternoon, and fainted in Mays Bros' Hall.—As Mrs. R. H. Walthead was coming to town Wednesday morning her horse got frightened, turned around, upset the buggy and threw her and her little girl out, dislocating the little girl's wrist. Mr. R. N. Tannock, who was driving by in his buggy, brought them on down to town, where Dr. Sandford set the little girl's wrist. The horse ran up past Elbert Lincoln's, where he caught it. It had broken the buggy up and bruised itself considerably. Mrs. Whitehead is having bad luck, as her older daughter fractured her arm by falling off a horse a few weeks ago.—Mr. Jas. Murphy, who is working for W. S. Batchelder, fell off a load of hay and broke one of the bones in his arm and dislocated the other.—Mr. Jesse May is visiting with his cousin, W. E. May, this week.—Mr. Wiedewitsch, of Cornelius, is repairing the boiler in the Oregon Condensed Milk Factory, as they leak.



ALONG THE LINE OF SUMMER TRAVEL—ON THE WILSON RIVER.



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