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**WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

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.

Centerville, July 29.—Monday was pay day at the Centerville creamery. The patrons were well pleased with their returns. After all expenses were paid they received twenty-two cents per pound for their butter.—Mrs. G. W. Marsh and daughter, Miss Rebecca, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Marsh's sister in Idaho.—Miss Francis Wilson, formerly of this place, but now of Portland, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Wrenn.—Mr. Mueller has quit painting on account of his health. He has not been well for sometime.—Mr. Peck, our photographer, has been kept busy of late taking pictures.—Mr. Wunderlich's new house has received its first coat of paint.—We have heard from a visiting agent that our store keeper has the best country store in Washington county. He re the farmers can bring in their produce and take home groceries in return.—Mr. Degroat, of Portland, is spending a vacation with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Van Loon.—While taking water to his father, little Vincent Reverman received a severe cut on foot from a mower. Dr. Ward was telephoned for at once and dressed the wound with every possible care and did all he could to relieve the little sufferer. As it is a very bad cut and he cannot use his foot for sometime, it was thought best to send him to the hospital. So his father took him to St. Vincent's hospital, where he will remain until he can walk again, which we hope will not be long.

Messrs. Joe and Hugh Moore baled twenty tons of hay, with their new steam haypress, for Mr. C. Wunderlich last week.—Miss Lena Ostermann, of Portland, arrived the first of the week to spend the summer with her brother and sister.—On Sunday last occurred at the three corners near Hugh Smith's place one of the most pleasant picnics ever held in the county. The large crowd assembled was entertained by the Vorboort band, and served refreshments by some of the ladies.—The county road running through Centerville is to be enlivened by horse races Sunday.

their hay in the barns.—Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson were at their farm Friday, returning to Forest Grove in the evening.—Mr. C. H. Standbridge has made a drag hay rack, to use on his farm, finding it much more convenient than the wagon.—Mr. Standbridge is peeling chittem bark and buying all he can. If you have any to sell, write him at Gaston.—Mr. Dan Livingston, a lawyer practicing in Nebraska City, and sister, Miss Miriam Livingston, arrived here Monday evening from Lorton, Nebraska, and are visiting their relatives in Patton Valley. Mr. Alan McLeod and Mr. Finley McLeod and families. They expect to stay until the middle of August.—Mrs. Mary Smith, of Forest Grove, is visiting with Mrs. Wescott at Wescott farm, about one mile west of Gaston.—Mr. J. Callahan, of Patton Valley, started Saturday for Eastern Oregon, to be one of the army of workmen needed in the harvest fields. Wages are much better there, being from \$4 to \$2.50 per day.—Mr. Frank McKenzie was visiting at Mr. Leabo's camp Sunday.—Mr. Willie Bates and wife, of McMinnville, were visiting his father, Mr. Joseph Bates and family. Mr. Bates and wife will return home Monday.—Rev. Edward Curran preached an excellent sermon Sunday in the congregational church of Patton Valley, his subject being "Christ, the Perfect Example." The reverend gentleman sent in his resignation as pastor of Patton Valley Congregational

church Sunday, as he has a new field calling him.—Miss Mina McLeod and cousins, Mr. and Miss Livingston, returned Sunday from Pumpkin Ridge, where they were visiting relatives.—Died, July 26, Mr. Tom Gerrish's little son, aged 6 years. He was sick only a short time with spinal meningitis.—Mr. Dan McLeod, of Patton Valley, returned home Monday from Washington, where he has been head timber faller in a logging camp. While in the logging camp he received \$50 a month for his labor.

Beaverton, July 29.—There was a general move around in town Monday. Mr. George Livermore into his new house, Mr. William Squires into the house vacated by Livermore, the Hughsons into the house vacated by Squires and the part that speaks well for Beaverton is they all go into homes of their own.—Horace Livengood returned Monday. Things will look natural again now with Horace around again.—Beaverton people should have plenty of grit now that the dust flies so plentiful.—Taylor, the well-digger from Hillsboro, was in town Monday working in the railroad well.—Mr. C. W. Allen and family and Wm. Gaskil attended the funeral of Mrs. Allen's father at Gales Creek Wednesday.—Earl Evans writes home that he is having quite a time over on the coast, eating crabs and lobsters.

Glencoe, July 29.—Will Joos has been very low with lung fever, but is slowly improving, and the doctor thinks he will recover, provided he does not take a relapse.—Mrs. Chas. Walter returned home last Saturday leaving her mother much improved in health.—Mr. Arthur Hand, of Portland, is visiting with Mays Bros.—Clyde Lincoln and Preston Berry have gone to Dilley to help J. W. Goodin build a bridge.—The Misses Lillian and Florence Goodin, of Salem, and Estella Goodin, of Grants Pass, spent Sunday at the home of J. W. Goodin.—Miss Lois Bowlby and Eva Cornelius are spending the week with Mrs. W. E. Mays, who is quite poorly.—E. C. Mays is home from the Portland Sanitarium very much improved in health.—Richard Connell and wife, of Portland, visited with his brother, Jos. Connell.—W. C. Darey is slowly improving, and is now able to go around with the help of crutches.

Sherwood, July 29.—Miss Dora Smock, S. P. agent at this place, has returned home from an extended visit with friends in California.—D. O. Stevenson, formerly of this place, but now agent for the J. I. Case Co., made Sherwood a flying visit on business.—The city in the near future contemplates laying about 450 feet of three-inch water main. This will make about 1100 feet of the three-inch pipe laid by the city in the past year.—H. H. Eymann, who formerly kept an undertaking establishment at this place, and moved the same to Prosser, Wash., has just recently returned. Mr. Eymann says that there is no place like Sherwood even for the coffin man.—We understand that the Sherwood school board has been having some little trouble in securing teachers for the coming school term. The writer has been informed that there is still a vacancy in the principalship for an experienced man teacher.—E. W. Johnson, who has been engaged in the general merchandise business in this place for the past two years, has sold his stock of goods, to J. C. Smock. Mr. Johnson contemplates acting as one of Uncle Sam's mail carriers about the first of September.—We have just been informed that the four R. F. D. mail route from this place which was examined about one year ago, will commence operation first of September. This will be a great relief to the many of the patrons of the various routes who purchased boxes about one year ago and now their expectations are about to be realized.—It has been reported on good authority that after the first of September, the Middleton postoffice will be discontinued, and the firm of Poole & Ashpole will move their business to Sherwood. Sherwood is not the deadiest place by any means, and we expect to see Tircardsville and Tualatin follow suit.

**COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE**



Mrs. Hans Peterson went to Forest Grove Monday.—Mr. Robert Becker will go to the logging camp this week.—Mr. A. Robinson, of Hillsboro, preached in the Presbyterian church at Buxton last Sunday.—There will be a Sunday school picnic Saturday, August 1, at the Fir Grove church. Several schools will take part in the exercises.

Banks, July 30.—Hon. Benton Killin, a Portland attorney and one of the regents of the State Agricultural college, is out on his ranch for a visit.—Mr. M. B. the blacksmith at Forest Grove, was visiting relatives at this place Sunday.—The hay company, Messrs. Beard, Pormley and Heltzel, have just finished stacking hay.—George Dooley has just bought one of the largest thresher separators in Washington county, and expects a large run this year.—The picnic at Fir Grove is to be held Saturday, and a good time is expected. Everybody invited.—It is reported that Mr. E. Turner, about three weeks ago was complaining of his back hurting him, and on close examination it was found that he had six large rifle balls in his back. Why it didn't kill him, and how and when they got there is a mystery.

West of Forest Grove, July 28.—Excursion Commissioner T. G. Todd is cutting grain on his Groveland farm in great shape, having purchased a new binder.—Mr. D. C. Stewart's house is going right up under the management of Mr. James Shannon. The hop yard commonly known as the Todd hop yard gives promise of a good yield again this year and Mr. Anderson will need help later on.—Austin Buxton is in the push. He has his hay cut, baled and in the barn.—Mr. J. A. McCoy is back from the Coast.—Mr. Bump of Forest Grove is getting out piling on B. E. Lamont's place. Mr. Lamont has fine timber for piling and Mr. Bump can get piling to his own satisfaction.—Mr. William Johnson believes in having things handy. He has tapped a mountain stream and by means of a ditch around the hill has brought the water to his barn.—Mr. Ed Knighten had the happy experience of killing a two-point deer the other day and some of his neighbors were treated to a course of venison.—Mr. A. J. Merrill and L. E. Jones were up on David's Hill taking in the sights on Sunday last. They say that the scenery is all right and the prospect for prunes and grapes was never better, or at least they were so informed. As these gentlemen are from the East only since last fall they have to be told about things in Oregon.—The blackberry season is here and the women folks are filling the cans with the delicious fruit, and the mountain slopes resound with the merry laughter of the children of the berry pickers.—Mr. Bush has been painting the interior of his house of late.—The Alexander brothers are still in the throes of hay making. They have a fine large place and all kinds of hay. They also have some fine looking, spring sown wheat, and just across the road from this wheat field Mr. T. G. Todd has oats that are simply immense.

Sherwood, July 29.—The town council has let a contract to Horace Welch, the lowest bidder, for digging a ditch for the water main to be laid on Main street.—The rural free delivery will go into operation September 1, with four routes and the following carriers: H. H. Welch, John Owens, E. W. Johnson and O. J. McConnell. The establishment of these routes is due to the push and energy of our postmaster, Mr. L. S. McConnell.—Martin and Joe Gardner are taking a few weeks' vacation in the mountains.—Wm. Slater, of Moro has purchased the Seaton place and put in a shoe store. He also does repair work.—The dance in the A. O. U. W. hall Saturday evening passed off very quietly and a good time is reported.—There was a slight difference of opinion between two of our young citizens the other evening, and in consequence one of them wears a rather unfamiliar look.—Mrs. B. F. Webster, who has been quite ill for some time, is some better at present.—Mrs. Langer, Ferd Langer, Jr., and Miss Lottie Riggs left for Wilhoit Springs last Monday. Also Mrs. Wilson and her daughter Rosa.—Our harness maker, Mr. Hall, is soon to leave for Portland.

Scholls, July 28.—Sam Penie, from Portland, was at Scholls the first of the week buying up horses.—Miss Nellie Adams was at a picnic on Bald peak Sunday.—Some of our young people attended the Laurel dance Saturday.—Jake Share, the blacksmith, has sold out to Henry Hanson, who will start business right away.—Earl Townes, who has been working at Groner & Rowell's mill, is now working at Joe Hinton's logging camp at Laurel.—Miss Goucher has returned to her home in McMinnville. She has been visiting her friends here, Miss Grace and Miss Minnie Sutherland.—Miss Campbell, of Portland, is visiting Mrs. Bud Taylor at Scholls.

Buxton, July 28.—The Misses Lena and Mary Engertberger, of Portland, came out to Buxton last week on a visit.—Pomona grange gave up their visit to Buxton on account of it being such a busy time of the year.—Mr. J. Crabb, of Hillsboro, came through town last week.—Mr. D. O'Donnell went to Forest Grove last week on business.—Miss Pauline Goldman, of Portland, is visiting friends in the neighborhood.—Mr. Adam Biscar, who has lately resided in Portland, is moving out to his homestead.—Mrs. C. Klink and her daughter, Emma, visited Portland last week.—Mr. and

**Before and After in Washington County**



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