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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, 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.

no doubt but pleasure seekers would stop nearer home than Tillamook.—James Berry is on the sick list this week.—The Rev. Howard Latourette of McMinnville talked to an attentive audience on Sunday last at the old church.

Gales Creek, Aug. 19.—Hay work still goes on. The balers are reducing the size of the stacks considerably and the baling will not last much longer here.—Mrs. Cora Jacobsen, of Fortland, is visiting relatives here this week.—H. T. Short and family passed through last week on the way to their ranch on Wilson river.—Mr. Hod Parsons is back from Tillamook. He has a fine ranch in that part of the county.—J. L. Loving's children saw a bear the other day near Mr. Culver's.—No fire is yet seen in the mountains. Generally by this time we are suffering from smoke, but it is to be hoped there will be no forest fires this year.—Mr. J. D. Short is finishing up his house for painting. This is something nine-tenths of the houses need, but people neglect to do. A house will last twice as long and look so much better when painted.

He reports it very dusty all along the roads.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Matthiess and Bertha Seidler, of Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. Kleier and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hergert and family; Mrs. Demming, Miss Annie Liebno, Mr. and Mrs. H. Liebno and Rev. L. Stuebe and wife were guests of H. Scheuermann Sunday afternoon.—Mrs. M. Stuebe, wife of Rev. L. Stuebe, left Tuesday morning for a trip back East, going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.—Mr. Eisenhardt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mahler and some friends of theirs left for an outing along the Coast, where they will stay for a couple of weeks.—The road supervisor came through here yesterday to look after a bridge which needs repairing.—The young folks of Blooming had an ice cream party at Miss Elsie Behling's last night. They had a jolly old time.—It is reported.—H. Scheuermann and H. Liebno left for Portland this morning on some business.

house will soon take on a new garb and rank well with other institutions of this kind in the county.

BETHANY.

Bethany, Aug. 19.—Mrs. C. C. Arns, of this place, died at Newport last Monday. She and her husband left here about two weeks ago to spend a month or six weeks on the coast, where she suddenly died. The remains will be taken to Iowa for burial.—Grain is mostly cut and threshing is in full blast. Oats are turning out good, from 40 to 60 bushels to the acre.—John Bergen is building an addition to his house.—The Bethany boys are going to have a dance at the Bethany hall, September 13.

PATTON VALLEY.

Patton Valley, Aug. 20.—Mr. Leabo and family returned to their home in Forest Grove Sunday morning. We hope they will visit us again next summer.—Mr. Jim Lee threshed his grain Sunday, Mr. Flesher and Mr. Finley McLeod helping with their teams.—Mr. Bertie Nixon and companion were visitors at Mr. Alan McLeod's Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, of Scoggin Valley, were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. Rutherford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Standbridge, of Patton Valley.—The Christian Endeavor of Patton Valley gave a social at the home of Mr. John Boyd Friday evening. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. Light refreshments were served.—Miss Mary Bailey, of Forest Grove, was in Patton Valley Monday.—Mr. Tom Swanson and Miss Pernilla Olsen, of Patton Valley, visited Sunday at the home of Mr. Alan McLeod.—Mr. C. H. Standbridge and son were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. George Doney, three miles southwest of Gaston.—Mrs. Nixon, of Forest Grove, has been at her farm several times last week.—Miss Jane Bates returned Saturday from Hillsboro where she went to take teachers' examination.—Miss Sarah Bates returned Sunday from McMinnville, where she was taking teachers' examinations. She will now have a life diploma.—Mr. Lockwood and son were in Patton Valley Tuesday.—Mr. Lockwood, Jr., expects to commence work for Mr. Haines at the Lee falls this week.—Miss Liza McLeod of Patton Valley received a slight shaking up Sunday evening while returning from church. She was thrown from a horse.

BUXTON.

Buxton, Aug. 20.—While Mr. J. N. Flippin was coming down from Green mountain with a load of shingles last Wednesday the seat worked loose, throwing him on the horses. In the struggle he was badly bruised, but not seriously injured. The horses ran to Buxton where they were caught.—Mr. Geo. Gleason, of Portland, is visiting friends at Buxton.—Mr. C. W. Geller, of the firm of Buxton & Geller, has gone to San Francisco to visit his father, whom he has not seen for 11 years.—Married, Wednesday, August 19, 1903, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. West, of Buxton, Miss Jennie Hiddink, and Mr. John Beck, both of Portland.

REEDVILLE.

Reedville, Aug. 18.—Miss Anna C. Chalmers, of Centerville, has been engaged as principal of the public school for the coming term.—Mrs. A. B. Flint and children, of Kinton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. York one day last week.—Esther and Martin Tweed returned to their home in Portland on Thursday.—Miss Esther Lund is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Olsen and O. Nordlund and family of this place.—Antone Jacobson, who was visiting friends here, the last two weeks, has returned to Portland, where he is employed in the P. machine shops.—Among the Portlanders who spent Sunday in this vicinity, we noticed Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosenberg and family, C. C. Hansen and R. E. Halderman.—Portland visitors this week were Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Miss Bockmann, Mrs. A. Pierson, J. B. Imlay and C. Swenson.

SOUTH OF CORNELIUS.

South of Cornelius, Aug. 18.—And now we are coming too, so please make room within the columns of your busy paper for a few items from the enterprising locality of Fern Hill.—Phillip Schneider is able to be at work again after a serious illness.—It is reported that hopmen in this vicinity will pay a dollar a hundred pounds for picking this year.—Many of the farmers are stacking their grain on account of the uncertainty of getting a thresher soon. A large acreage of oats has been cut for hay as most of the farmers think of keeping more cows in the future.—An old-time friend of Mr. and Mrs. Duncaif and family, Mr. Gouge, of DeLamar, Idaho, is their guest.—Miss Clara Dixon recently returned from an extended visit in the metropolis.—Several of our young people will attend the dance at Dilley Friday evening.—Mr. Benson, of Cornelius, has the contract of delivering at Cornelius Chas. Schneider's cordwood recently purchased by John Cornelius.—Help with the farm work is scarce, as most of our young men are away harvesting.—Our genial resident, Mr. Lawrence Dixon, has lately changed his vocation, and now does the wood hauling act.—We were just about to congratulate ourselves on having fresh fish on ice brought to our doors every Monday, but the fish man failed us this week.—Thomas Hinton has sold his ranch to a Mr. Ward, of Precept, Neb. Mr. Ward is already installed in his new home.—Mr. Geo. Chapman and Mr. Clem Hulsman are each putting up large additions to their barns. Mr. Hulsman intends commencing work on a new barn near future.—Charlie Cooper hauls water for the Holtz & Kramer thrasher.—There were services both morning and afternoon at the Catholic church Sunday.—Wm. Geiger was in our midst Tuesday.

BANKS.

Banks, Aug. 19.—Wm. McGill is hauling his baled hay to the Grove this week.—The Schneider saw mill has changed hands and is now running at its full capacity, and will soon move to N. C. Shipley's timber, where they will have a year or more run.—Mrs. Ira Stewart Edgar, of Portland, will lecture at the Fir Grove church next Sunday at 11 o'clock; also in the afternoon. Let everybody come and bring their lunch, in order to hear both lectures. They are free but there will be a hat collection to pay expenses.—Mrs. Whitten, of Hayward, is the guest of Mrs. Garrigus this week.—Mr. and Mrs. Miss Mary Garrigus spent a part of last week at Vernonia in Columbia county, at the campmeeting. They report a good time and some good is being done by way of saving sinners.—Mr. Arad Garrigus has become very much interested in Sunday school work at the Roy school house.—There is a young man in our neighborhood who has found a harness which just suits him. If no owner claims it he would be glad to keep it.

GASTON.

Gaston, Aug. 19.—Threshing machines are running at full blast now turning out the golden grain for our prosperous farmers.—W. A. Johnston and family, and Link and Frank Hill made a trip to the mountains after blackberries last week, but it was not a successful one as far as fruit was concerned.—Harry Turner came up from Portland Saturday to spend a while with his folks on the ranch.—Oscar Shogren and crew pulled in with the baler Tuesday and have begun threshing.—A Hill's are having roasting ears since Friday.—George Mizner is rushing the work on his new house now.—Buehler, Oehler & Atkins have repaired their baler and are at work again.—People are beginning to get ready for hop-picking.—The growers report good hops and are expecting to pay good wages to pickers this season.—Hay is being hauled into Gaston from all directions and teams have to wait their turn to get unloaded. It is being shipped as fast as cars can be had, but the greater part is being stored for lack of cars.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE



TUALATIN.

Tualatin, Aug. 15.—Last Sunday was a red letter day for the Congregational church at Tualatin. Supt. C. F. Clapp preached in the morning; eleven members were received into the church, and four children were baptized. The church building is now one of the most beautiful ornaments of the community, with the new stone foundation and two coats of paint. Things are looking up in Tualatin spiritually as well as temporarily. Rev. C. F. Clapp preached to a full house at Sherwood in the evening.

WEST OF FOREST GROVE.

West of Forest Grove, Aug. 18.—Grain cutting is still in progress.—R. M. Bisbee threshed grain one day last week on the Groveland farm.—Mr. Mooner's folks have gone to the coast; also Mr. Eplet's.—Robert Stevenson is pushing the work on his new prune drier.—Richard Holscher says his grapes on Concord hill are very fine this year and give promise of an abundant yield. He has the Concord variety and places them directly on the market.—Services were held at the Watts church last Sunday.—Byron Smith is at work finishing Allen Rice's new residence.—Mr. Umshide has been hauling wood to Forest Grove.—The Watts school-house looms up under a new coat of paint.—Ed. Knighten is on the sick list but is some better at this writing.—Mr. Dixon is baling hay on Mr. Geo. Naylor's farm.

ST. MARY'S.

St. Mary's, Aug. 18.—On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, religious reception and profession took place at St. Mary's Convent chapel. Miss May Hyland, of Beaverton, Oregon, was admitted into the novitiate, assuming the name of Sister Mary Francis Xavier. Sisters Mary Alexander and Stanislaus, formerly the Misses Catherine and Agnes Fox, of Marshfield, Oregon, pronounced temporary vows for a period of three years. Sister Mary Dominica, nee Miss Ellen Crowley, of Boston, Mass., also took temporary vows. Sister Mary Catherine, daughter of Hon. Hubert Bernards, of Forest Grove, Oregon, and Sister Mary Josephine, nee Miss Bridget Grant, of Boston, Mass., made final vows. His Grace, the Most Rev. Archbishop, presided at the ceremonies, and previously to the solemn act of profession he exhorted and congratulated the young ladies on the noble and important step they were about to take. Specially

did he encourage them, that as they were voluntarily to offer their young lives to the service of God and the welfare of humanity, to continue and persevere in that noble calling. It was indeed an imposing scene to witness these youthful aspirants approach the holy altar of God to make their obligations. Many kind friends and relatives were present to honor the occasion. The chapel was artistically decorated in green vines, maiden-hair and white lilies, thus producing a beautiful effect and being characteristic of the ceremonies enacted. The ceremonies lasted until about 10 o'clock a. m., after which the day was pleasantly spent in visiting and entertaining the many friends present.

HAYWARD.

Hayward, Aug. 18.—Hayward was visited by a nice rain Saturday, which did much good to gardens and fruit.—J. Boos was on the sick list last week.—Mrs. Lydia has been sick, but is able to be at work again.—J. A. Jennings is building an addition to his house.—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dahm have gone back home after having a pleasant visit.—There was preaching at Hayward last Sunday.—J. Boos killed a beef Wednesday.—Miss Anna Boos was home Sunday on a visit.—Mrs. B. Whitten is visiting friends on Derry creek this week.—Hayward people are talking of selling their prunes green this season.

RALEIGH.

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—E. A. Barnes has purchased a fine new buggy.—It is reported that the rural free delivery will start through here September 5.—The threshing machine has been in the neighborhood recently.—Mr. Titus is having his buildings moved and repaired.—Mr. Pearl King and family visited at Emerson Rine's at Beaverton Sunday.—Mr. Cephas King is moving on the farm he purchased near Garden Home.—Miss Cora Johnson was in Portland the latter part of last week taking the teachers' examination.

GALES CREEK.

Gales Creek, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Peter Jacobson and son, Baby Robert, of Portland, are visiting friends and relatives in Gales City and vicinity.—Pleasure seekers are still passing through Gales Creek en route for Tillamook. On Saturday of last week four ladies and five gentlemen passed through on horseback on their way to Astoria. They were superbly mounted and seemed to be enjoying the trip.—It begins to look as though our merchants would have to send to Portland for butter to supply the local trade. Those who send milk to the factory depend on those who keep their milk at home for butter, so does the busy farmer's wife who has no time to churn while she cooks for hay bales and threshing crews. Only those who are fortunate enough to have engaged the desired article of private parties are at all certain of getting it.—Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Hines were Gales Creek visitors on Wednesday of this week.—On Sunday a number of Forest Grove people visited the soda springs. It is a beautiful place and if the grounds were fixed up there is

SCHOLLS.

Scholls, Aug. 18.—Mrs. E. J. Sutherland is building quite an extension to her barn. Jimmie Cafer has charge of the work.—Scholls is booming this summer. Mr. Wm. Crator has bought a lot in town and is going to build a fine house at once.—Mr. Jesse Snyder is hauling lumber for a new house on his place.—Messrs. George Pierce and T. J. Wallen have taken a contract to cut logs for W. W. Fletcher.—Taylor Bros. and Flint's threshing machine has been running in the neighborhood for the past week. They are at Fred Groner's place today.—The Groner & Rowell Mill Company has just finished their second kiln of brick. They have as fine a lot of brick as was ever burned in the county.—Jesse Snyder and Eddie Sutherland played ball with the winning team in Hillsboro last Sunday.—The Christian Endeavor at Scholls is getting along finely. Come out and see what we are doing.—Mr. A. B. Brown is building quite an extension to his house. W. E. Prosser is doing the work.—C. W. Crowder has a new bicycle and you can see him passing at all hours.—Mr. Herman Bruner has a new tandem bicycle and it keeps him busy taking the boys out riding on it.—F. E. Rowell and H. Bruner spent Sunday in McMinnville.—The body of Fred Foster, who was drowned in the Columbia river about five weeks ago, was found last week about 250 miles below where it was lost.—The funeral will be held here on Wednesday.—Mrs. Nelson Brooks, of Goldendale, Wash., is visiting her folks this week.—Mr. Thomas Haner will soon have his new house in South Scholls ready to move into.—Mr. John Frank of Kenton, has been setting brick for the G. & R. Co. for the past few days.—Messrs. B. Fonda, C. Hitchcock and Bud Taylor went to Tillamook last week to hunt and fish.

Scholls, Aug. 18.—Messrs. Bud Taylor, Chas. Hitchcock and Bert Fonda started to the coast last Wednesday.—Mrs. Tichenor and children returned to Forest Grove last Friday.—Miss Grace Barbo, who has been visiting her friends, Mr. Le Beau's family, started to Portland Monday.—Misses Ina Rowell and Jennie Sutherland have just returned home after a visit with Portland friends. Miss Rowell was visiting her sister.—Mr. Gerritsle is building an addition to his house which will greatly improve its appearance.—Bud Taylor's family, who have been living in T. J. Wallen's house, are settled in their own house now.

BLOOMING.

Blooming, Aug. 19.—Miss Elsie Behling came home from Portland to stay for a few weeks. She thinks Blooming would be a neat little place for an outing if there only was a sprinkler to settle the dust a little.—Henry Voelker has returned to Portland after a week's stay.—Phillip Hergert, a son of A. Hergert, was in Portland last week on business.—Herman Ruessle and Jessie Johnson took a pleasant trip around the country, coming through this great city on their return.

SHERWOOD.

Sherwood, Aug. 19.—Miss Pearl Shaffer, of Portland, is visiting friends in Sherwood this week.—The S. P. Co. is contemplating a change in train time, giving this place a better mail service, a thing that will greatly benefit the rural mail service to start from this office September 1.—Mr. and Mrs. August Holzbaugh left for Soda Springs last Sunday.—Messrs. Sam Hougan, John Owens and Will Atterbury have returned from down the Columbia, where they have been fishing since the season opened.—The R. K. D. carriers are very busy getting their horses rickety, ready to start the 1st.

Sherwood, Aug. 18.—The Gardner Bros.' cigar factory is again running in full force, after a temporary shut down during the absence of Martin and Joe Gardner, who were in Southern Oregon looking for timber land.—The Vincent & Young saw mill two miles east of town is running to its fullest capacity. Mr. W. F. Young states that they are obliged to run both night and day in order to keep in reaching distance of their orders.—Edna, the five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bell, died Wednesday, August 12. Mr. and Mrs. Bell now reside in Portland, formerly Sherwood.—Mrs. Bell came to Sherwood on Tuesday to stay with her mother-in-law during her child's illness, the child dying the next day after her arrival.—Mrs. Mary Webster, wife of B. F. Webster, residing two miles east of town, died Friday, August 14. Deceased was 40 years old. A husband and five children survive her, the oldest child but 10 years old. Death came from a complication of diseases of several years' duration.—Owing to the resignation of Miss Irwin, primary teacher of the Sherwood school, the directors advise that there is an opening for an experienced lady teacher in that department. Good wages will be paid.—F. Langer, who owns and operates a threshing outfit in this section, has had exceedingly bad luck the last week with it. A few evenings ago while moving the separator after dark, the driver lost his bearings, ran over a small stump and upset the machine, doing considerable damage in the way of breaking fixtures on the outside of the separator. Just about the time the machine was put in order, and while moving on the county road between Sherwood and Middleton, the bridge opposite H. O. Hays' gave way, precipitating the engine into the ditch. We have as yet not learned the extent of the damage done to the engine, but without a doubt it will be quite extensive. Mr. Langer has a good outfit, this year adding a self-feeder to the other various up-to-date improvements on his machine.—Ira Smock, who has been working for the S. P. Co. in Upton, Calif., is home on a vacation.—The special school meeting held on the 17th inst., for the purpose of voting a small tax to defray the expenses in painting the school building, went off quite smoothly. The opposition faction to levying a tax in this district has always been in the majority, and for this reason a warm time was expected, however, after the ballot was spread and results determined, the majority once, was now a very small faction in the minority, and our school