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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.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE



GASTON.

Gaston, Aug. 28.—Sunday evening at the Union Church, Mr. Patterson, recently from China, gave a very interesting talk about his missionary work while there. His subject was China.—Miss Bertha Jeter has returned to her home in Portland, after a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives.—Mrs. Thomas, of Forest Grove, is spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. Best.—The Parker boys have gone to Monmouth to get out a carload of ship knees, to fill a contract which they have taken.—Mr. Cook and family, of Portland, who are spending the summer out here, have just returned from a week's stay at Tillamook.—Miss Lucy Frewa of Hillsboro, is the guest of Miss Grace Harding for a few days.—Miss Mary Willis is home again, after spending the winter in Portland.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hibbs and son are spending their vacation at Mr. Keeher's, ever near Tillamook, and the report is that Hal killed a large deer.—Miss Hattie Scofield, of Cornelius, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Ward.—The Women of Woodcraft held an ice cream social in the Artisan Hall Saturday evening, but on account of the unfavorable weather, the crowd was rather small, and the proceeds were not very large.

ALBION.

Albion, Aug. 23.—Cassie Holt, oldest daughter of Postmaster G. M. Holt, met with a painful accident last Thursday by a fall from a horse, breaking her arm near the shoulder, and dislocating her elbow, but under the care of Dr. C. L. Hatfield, of Vernonia, she is improving.—Mr. Woods of Vernonia passed through our place last week with a lot of goats.—Mr. Otto Kraus, teacher of the Braun school, and F. C. Braun attended the Institute at St. Helens last week.—Mr. F. M. McDaniel, assisted by G. M. Holt, is sinking a well on his place.—Mrs. McPherson, of Kearsey, passed through our vicinity en route home from Forest Grove with a load of prunes, visiting over night with the family of G. M. Holt.—Miss Lizzie McDaniel was visiting her aunt, Mrs. G. M. Holt, last week, returning home Sunday.—Mr. Edward West, of Greenville, made a flying trip to Albion last Sunday.—Harvesting is mostly over in our vicinity. Everybody reports large crops.—Mr. J. H. Turk is getting rather impatient waiting for the threshing machine to get to his place to thresh his large crop of oats, wheat and

the neighbors were hunting another bear Sunday, but did not succeed in killing it.—Mr. Standbridge has been peeling chittem bark near the Lee falls lately.—Mr. Earl Fisher, of Beaverton, was visiting his former pupils Saturday.—Mrs. Callahan spent Wednesday in Forest Grove shopping.

REEDVILLE.

Reedville, Aug. 26.—M. C. Hewitt spent one day last week in Hillsboro.—Miss Smith, Miss Ida Smith and Miss Rubie visited with Miss Merchant, Sunday.—E. E. Welling has moved into our community.—Mrs. J. T. Taylor and her two children who have been visiting C. F. Bergstrand and family, at this place, returned to their home in Gem, Idaho, Thursday.—Arthur C. Oakman, who is employed in Portland, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Oakman.—Threshing has been somewhat delayed, in this vicinity, on account of the Oregon mist.—This town was almost deserted Monday; the greater part of the population having gone to the circus in Portland.—Rumor has whispered that the wedding bells are soon to be heard in our neighborhood.

SHERWOOD.

Sherwood, Aug. 26.—Attorney Hall, of Newberg, made Sherwood a business visit a few days ago.—Mrs. R. B. Morbach and Mrs. Schneller were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Winters of Middleton on last Tuesday.—Mrs. N. P. Atterbury of this place left on last Monday to visit her old home in Missouri.—Considerable celery is now being shipped to the Portland market from this place. The growers claim that they receive from 60 to 90c per dozen, being a much more profitable business than almost any other product that can be raised.—A Mr. Fletcher, of Newberg, has sold out his blacksmith business at that place and will locate at Sherwood. We understand that Mr. Fletcher intends to put up quite a large building at this place and carry a line of farm implements in connection with his other business.—It has been officially announced that the section crews on this line will be discharged in the near future and replaced by Chinese labor. The S. P. Co. is being quite sharply censured by the people along the line for their actions in this matter, but it is claimed by them that the unsettled conditions in labor circles, and high wages demanded has necessitated the change.—Most of the hop growers in this section will commence picking on the first of September. The cloudy condition of the weather has been quite detrimental to the maturing of the hops, and as lice and mold are now quite noticeable in a great many yards picking will be hurried as much as possible.

WEST OF FOREST GROVE.

West of Forest Grove, Aug. 25.—R. M. Blisbee started his threshing machine again but had to shut down on account of the rain.—Farmers are getting the blues. Some of them are already predicting a wet fall and with a good crop of grain already harvested that would be ruined, we can easily see why they are growing uneasy. They certainly would appreciate fine weather. The grain that has been threshed has turned out well and if the farmers can only get good weather to get their threshing done, all would be well, and this neck of the woods could boast of as good a crop as there has been in recent years. Grain cutting is nearly completed. A few scattering fields yet we notice that are still uncut.—Mr. Hunter and family are at the coast. It seems to us that this rainy time would be rather tough on the people that are camping out. We wish them well and hope that this kind of weather will cease shortly.—J. T. Buxton and wife and his brother Anderson and wife, were visitors at D. C. Stewart's on last Sunday.—Mr. Anderson is having some trouble with wires in his hop field. There is a heavy crop of hops and the recent rains together is putting too much weight on the wire and they are breaking. Mr. Anderson thinks the hops will be ready to pick by September 10th.

MANNING.

Manning, Aug. 24.—Millie Thornburgh and Mrs. Ahlstrom, of Forest Grove, were visiting in Manning this week.—Mrs. L. F. Carstens and C. L. Benefield brought their mother home from Garfield, Wash., last Saturday. She is improving very slowly.—Farmers are very busy cutting and stacking grain this week.—C. L. Benefield lost a horse one day this week.

HAYWARD.

Hayward, Aug. 24.—Hayward is having plenty of rain this week. The potatoes and corn grew so fast since the rain you could almost hear them pop.—Prunes are commencing to ripen, and are looking fine.—Mrs. R. Whitten returned from her visit Sunday.—Mrs. Katie Bothman, from Gresham, came out on the stage Tuesday, and spent a pleasant week with friends, returning Sunday.—The Hayward people are going to the Show at Portland Monday to see the wonders of the world.

SCHOLLS.

Scholls, Aug. 25.—Mrs. Russell Ratcliffe, with her son, has been visiting friends and relatives here, and returned to her home in Portland Sunday.—Messrs. Bud Taylor, Burt Fonda and Charles Hitchcock returned home from Tillamook last Wednesday.—Born, Aug. 22, to the wife of

MR. J. D. WILSON, OF SCHOLLS, A SON.

—Mrs. Ben Mitchell, of Portland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brown.—A good many of Scholls' people attended Ringling Bros.' circus Monday and Tuesday.—The boys from Joe Hinton's logging camp, returned from their trip to the coast last Thursday evening. Mr. Hinton left for Washington early the next morning, as word had just been received that his wife was quite sick where she is visiting.

CEDAR MILL.

Cedar Mill, August 24.—Threshing is in full blast in this vicinity.—Runaways seem of almost daily occurrence in this vicinity. With the exception of Mr. Wm. Harvey, who had one horse killed and the other severely injured, there has been no damage greater than blacksmith's bills.—Messrs. M. G. Reeves, E. Blue, R. L. Wann and F. Osterhammer have returned from an eight-day outing on Rock creek.—Our road supervisor, Mr. F. Hamel, contemplates treating three miles of the Cornell road to a coat of crushed rock this fall. This is a step in the right direction and that it will be appreciated by the farmers who travel the road three or four times a week goes with out saying.—Neely, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Owens, died Monday with diphtheritic croup. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement. A later report comes to the effect that two more of the children are afflicted with the same disease.

GALES CREEK.

Gales Creek, Aug. 26.—Several of our young people attended the circus in Portland.—Mr. Neil McGilvery, who is just out of a San Francisco hospital, arrived home on Monday. He is still very weak, but hopes the Oregon climate will soon brace him up.—Mrs. Luce and daughters, Misses Mary and Laura, and Miss Kathryn Meyers, who have been on the Nehalem after wild blackberries, have now pitched camp on Gales Creek near the grange hall. Fifty-seven quarts of berries were sent home and now the ladies are resting after the work is done.—The recent rainfall is driving Wilson river campers towards home. The dust is settled and traveling much pleasanter than it was a year ago.—On Sunday a very pleasant dinner was given in honor of Master Cleo Proctor's fifth birthday. The guests numbered forty.—Mrs. John Wilson is expecting her son Lon and family from Grants Pass this week. They will live on the home place and take charge of the dairy.—The ice cream stand will be open on Saturday night for the last time this summer.—James Lilly and daughter, Miss Kate, start for California on Friday of this week; Mr. Lilly is going to visit his son Elbert who has resided in California for several years.

DILLEY.

Dilley, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Forbes and family have lately moved here from Montana.—Peter Harper was found lying unconscious in his shop Friday of last week at 10 o'clock a. m., and died about sundown the same day, some say of apoplexy, some say of suicide.—Mr. Hansen, son of our respected townsman, is up from Portland visiting friends. He is a pleasant young man.—Rev. Mr. Clelland, pastor of the South Portland Presbyterian Church, and wife, are here for their vacation. He preached at the M. E. church last Sunday evening. He is a friendly gentleman.—Dr. Brown's son, from Tacoma, Wash., was a caller at Mrs. McPherson's this week.—Miss McPherson went to Gales creek Tuesday to see her uncle, who is sick.—Mr. J. C. Rounds' daughter, from near North Yamhill, is spending a few days with her parents.—Mrs. Peterson had company from Portland last week.—Rev. Mr. Putnam has been doing business in the Grove most of last week.—Hay and harvesting and hauling hay are about over for this season.—Crops are very good this year, and all seem to be happy.

BANKS.

Banks, Aug. 25.—John Friday is just finishing his hop house, preparing for the large crop which will be ready between the first and the tenth.—The Schneider sawmill has changed hands again. It now belongs to Shipley & Galloway.—The lectures at Fir Grove Sunday were successful.—A man here from Colorado who has been looking over Oregon, likes Washington county the best of any place he has seen, and thinks of locating near Banks.—Misses Laura Phipps and Mary Garrigus went to Portland and had some dental work done.—The threshers are blowing their horns in our neighborhood this week.

SEGHERS.

Seghers, Aug. 24.—Mr. August Roth has finally received the help for which he has been looking all summer, in the person of Joseph Broenner, who arrived on the 18th, all the way from Baden, Germany.—Mr. Archie Walker is having the threshing done here this season, his crop turning out finely, but he was somewhat disappointed by rain Saturday.—Mr. Albert Dethlefs is just through with the last of his big oat hay crop, baling it Friday.—Mr. V. H. Hanson has finished hauling his piling, at which he has been working for the last four months.—Everyone is wishing the railway could furnish cars now so we could get loading room for hay, which has also been moving pretty freely at \$12 the ton on board cars here.—Mr. John Bernards of Verboort was the guest of the postmaster last Sunday and was well pleased with the attendance they had at the Catholic church. He was also surprised at the good crops we have here.—Mr. J. P. Goesser, of Dewey, was one of the many guests of August Roth Sunday last. He is the mine-owner at Dewey, which is being developed by a big Portland company, and reports good prospects of a big coal find soon.

IN THE QUADRANT.

Quadrant, Aug. 26.—John Friday is building a hop drying house with a 25x25 foot floor. John is pushing the work with all the men he can round up. He realizes that there is not an hour to spare. The air about the building is full of men, tools and shingles.—N. S. Shipley will begin picking hops the 7th of next month. It is a good, clean yard.—Heltzel is hunting pickers for his hop yard. Everything about the yard is in prime condition.—How about that wedding?—Ben Dooley, the Banks blacksmith, has improved his shop very much. He brought the second story forward to the street line and built a square front to it that will rank high in future architectural designs.—Anyone in want of rough lumber can get an order filled on short notice at the Shipley mill, formerly Snyder's mill.

EAST OF GREENVILLE.

East of Greenville, Aug. 24.—The farmers are very busy cutting spring oats now. Most of the fall wheat is threshed, some going 25 bushels per acre.—Mr. Harry Underhill, who was severely bruised in a runaway, is fast recovering, and his many friends are glad to see his pleasant face once more, but sad to say he lost one of his best horses which he valued at \$200.—Mrs. H. L. Burchill, who has been visiting with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNew, returned home to Heppner Tuesday.—Mr. Wm. Relling is building a new porch to the Roy school house, which adds much to the looks of it.—Mr. Wm. Phillips, who purchased land here is building a new barn.—Mr. Alexander Chalmers, who attended school in Portland last winter, is spending the summer at home on the farm.—Mr. Martin Vandenberg while fishing captured a large eagle. It is a kind seldom seen here, weighing over 20 pounds. He will sell the bird; any one wishing a nice pet well do well to buy it.—The Speirring Bros. are very busy threshing. They have a fine new outfit which does the work all right.

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