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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.

Mr. Wm. Tucker returned from Eastern Oregon with his wife, who has been up there for her health. Mr. Tucker says she is greatly improved. — C. L. Mittel, who went up in Eastern Oregon for his health, writes back that his trip is doing him much good. — Daniel Bailey and family started back to Ohio Tuesday. — A. M. Moore, from Astoria, is a new citizen of Beaverton, and will occupy Mr. Mazzie's house in the eastern part of town. — Mr. Alexander is moving into the house vacated by Mr. Bailey's family. Mr. Alexander has a wild cat for a pet. — J. N. Fischer is still confined to the house. — The buzz of the wood saw in town reminds one that winter is nearby; so get your wood ready. — Lou Tulloc, Wm. Walker and Mary Walker left for Yaquina Bay for an outing Wednesday. — Ben Patton and Ollie Whillam's families went through here on their way to Patton Valley to pick hops. — W. H. Boyd is hauling pears to Portland. He has quite a few to sell this year. — The children, with dinner pails and books, are the order of the day since St. Mary's Academy opened last Tuesday. — Dr. Robinson is putting an addition to his barn. — School begins here on the 28th, with Mr. Evenden, from McMinnville, as principal, Miss Timms, of Bertha, in the intermediate room, and Earl Fischer, of this place, in the primary. — Blanch Tulloc and Wm. Tucker made up their minds that they would "follow suit after the others' lead," and go hop picking.

GARDEN HOME.

Telephone Concert—Buggy and Wagon Collide—Hop Field Outing—Visitors and Visiting. Garden Home, Sept. 9.—Mrs. M. E. Spencer has been visiting a cousin, Mrs. Laura Dittmer, of Portland Heights. — Miss Sophia Shoemaker has two young ladies from Portland staying with her during the hop picking season. They take a horse and

buggy and drive about a mile to the hop field which Mr. Detlef Sherner has rented. — Mr. Chris Spamer, of Portland, spent Sunday with George Peterson. — Mr. and Mrs. John Gaarde and family, of Tigardville, spent Sunday with Mr. Gaarde's sister, Mrs. Morgeson, of Garden Home, and called on Mrs. Gaarde's mother and brother as they were returning home. — Mrs. Herbert Turner's little 5-months-old daughter has the whooping cough. Mrs. Turner lived in Garden Home till the time of her marriage. — Quite a number along the telephone line were listening to Mr. John Gaarde's graphophone Sunday evening and it sounded like more. — Miss Carrie Nicholson has been visiting her parents for several days, and her friend Mr. Okestrom stayed over Monday. — Miss Sophia Shoemaker and her two young friends were out driving and met with an accident. Geo. Peterson had stopped his horses to rest, when the girls came along, and in trying to pass the wheels caught, the horse and shafts going on, but the rest of the buggy remaining. With the help of Mr. Peterson the rig was fixed up so that the girls could reach home.

SHERWOOD.

Two Marriages—Public School Opening—Death of Mrs. Vincent—Hop Picking Ball. Sherwood, Sept. 9.—Married, at Middleton, Miss Mary Bristow and Mr. Jewett, last Sunday. — Mr. William Barber, son of Rev. J. M. Barber, of Hood View, and Miss Lily Seely will be united in the bonds of wedlock today. We wish them a long and happy life through life. — The public school of Sherwood will open the 28th inst., with Mr. Falting as chief welder of the hazel, and Miss Lilian Briggs as primary welder. — The school house is to be repainted inside and out, and to have a general cleaning, a thing of which it has been in need for some time. — Died, Sept. 5, at her home

near Middleton, Grandma Vincent. — The hop picking is now well under way with several yards having completed picking. Some yards paid 50 cents a box. — There is to be a grand hop picking ball in the A. O. U. W. Hall next Saturday night. A big time is expected. Remember the place where you have a good time. — Mrs. Justina Cooke and Miss Louise Breyman, of Portland, were visiting friends and relatives over Sunday. — Mr. Chester G. Hall and wife will return to Portland shortly, where Mr. Hall will attend the medical college this winter.

FERN HILL.

A 12-inch Sunflower—Long Bridge Repaired—Game Law Violated—Hop Notes. Fern Hill, Sept. 9.—Joe Cooper has gone to the Grove to enter the real estate business. — Tim Barger has constructed a cider mill and now dispenses fresh cider to his many friends. — Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon attended church at the Grove Sunday. — Mrs. Wagner, of Forest Grove, visited her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Barger, last week. — A fire set in C. W. Hendrick's slashing burned several hundred feet of new board fence belonging to J. Dixon. — Hop picking began Aug. 31 in Pollock's yard, and was finished on Monday, this week. The boss reports a light crop. — Since the News mentioned last week a 9-inch sunflower as being in the prize-winning class, we might mention the fact that Mr. George Chapman has growing on his farm quite a number of heads that measure 12 inches across, and 17 inches over. How is that for size? Mr. Chapman also has a patch of good corn this year. — Mr. S. Almond has just disposed of his crop of peaches, which were of fine quality. — Some needed repairs have recently been made on the long bridge. — The Pollock brothers are drying the hops for the Porter yard. — Miss Clara Dixon left Monday for Seattle,

where she will attend the Ross Seminary this winter. Her brother, Leonard, accompanied her as far as Portland. — Chas. Schneider and J. Barger were Hillsboro visitors Sunday. — Quite a number of our people are picking hops at John Buchanan's. — From the amount of shooting we hear lately, it is evident that quite a few people are enjoying game out of season on their bill of fare. It would be well for the game warden, or someone vested with authority to punish those who are boldly violating the game law, to make this locality a visit. — We could almost hear the long-drawn sigh of relief of the farmers who were fortunate enough to get their grain threshed out, and the rest just wait patiently (?) for the men with the threshers, and promise themselves to not be compelled to call on them next year, as they think of making the old-fashioned fall do duty for what grain they will raise, and raise more hay. — Mr. R. W. McNutt, of Cornelius, who has been furnishing us with fresh fish quite often during the late summer, made his last trip out way Monday. — Mr. Aiten, an aged resident, has been quite ill for some time. — Lawrence Dixon, hauled hay for Dr. C. E. Geiger the first of the week. — Archie Duncaul and his friend made a trip to town Wednesday. — Mrs. Wm. Bennett and grandson and daughters, Flora and Mrs. Clara Irmier, of Portland, visited at the Chapman home Wednesday.

Visitors From Iowa—Woodmen Hall Improvements at West Union Cemetery—Off for Canada—Campers for Wilson River—New Sawmill.

Glencoe, Oregon, September 9.—Mr. W. W. Taints, sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chapin, are visiting them from Atlantic, Iowa. They will shortly return to their home, by way of San Francisco. — The carpenters have commenced on the W. O. W. Hall, and expect to have it finished by the 1st of October. — J. W. Goodin, C. P. Berry and J. C. Bills have built a new fence around the West Union cemetery. — Dr. B. Sandford has been on the sick list, suffering with heart trouble. — Threshing is about over in this vicinity, and nearly everyone is preparing to go to the hop yards. — Mr. James Gray, the shoe maker, has gone to Canada for a visit with his children for two or three months. He will stop off for a few weeks at Salt Lake City to visit a nephew. — Mr. Eddie Miller returned from Eastern Oregon last Monday, where he has been staying for his health. He is much improved, and says his brothers, Perry and Charley, are a good deal better than they were. — Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Cornelius, Fred and Eva Cornelius and Louis Bouby, of Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mays, Lucy Davis and Richard Sandford, Jr., of this place, started on a trip to Wilson river Monday. If the weather continues good they may go to Tillamook before returning. — Clarence E. Mays returned from the coast last week, very much improved in health. — J. W. Goodin is building a sawmill up on the Sam Johnson place for Crocker & Parker. — Miss Lina Graham, of Portland, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodin.

Cold Weather Drives in Hop Pickers—Removed to Ohio—A Sick Family—New Resident—House Painting.

Beaverton, Sept. 9.—People continue to go to the hop yards. Some have already returned on account of the cold weather. — Daniel Bailey and family left Tuesday morning for Ohio, where they will reside in the future. — Several members of J. N. Fisher's family, including J. N. Fisher himself, are confined to the house by illness. — A. M. Moore, of Astoria, a son of J. F. Moore, of this place, has taken up his residence in our city. — W. J. Alexander will occupy the Coleman house lately vacated by D. Bailey. — Ned Nelson is improving his residence by giving it a coat of paint. — Mrs. J. M. Hohart is visiting with J. M. McGee at Tigardville. — L. D. Elston made a flying visit to Beaverton Tuesday evening.

A few good horses and several second-hand buggies for sale at a bargain, or will trade. Call at News office or see Peter Peterson.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE



EAST OF GREENVILLE.

Harvesting Well Along — Slashing Burned—Baling and Hauling Hay—Stock Exhibit for State Fair. East of Greenville, Sept. 10.—Most of the farmers feel quite safe with their crops. Some are through threshing, and those that are not, have their grain well stacked. — Mr. Hilts burned his slashing last week and it made quite a fire, but added much to the looks of the farm. — Dr. M. H. Parker purchased some fine oat hay from J. B. McNew last week. — Mr. Reiling hauled his baled hay to Forest Grove last week. — Mr. Louis Kuder, Mr. Potter and Mr. Clarence Sinclair started hop picking in Yamhill county this week. — The Speiring Bros. started threshing here this week. — Mr. Brown has been hauling hay for Mr. Hill, near Mountdale, the past few weeks. — Deputy Recorder Willis Ireland, from Hillsboro, made a call at H. Vanderzanden's one day last week. — Mr. A. Chalmers left this week for Salem with his cattle, to attend the State Fair.

HILLSIDE.

Neighborhood Notes—Summer Visitors Return to the City—Bicycle Excursion. Hillside, Sept. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bamford are still visiting in Portland, but are expected home Friday. — Mrs. Frank Woods and daughter, Mabel, expect to return to Portland next Monday, after nearly three months on Hillside, enjoying country life. — Misses Daisy and Lena Curtis rode their wheels to town and spent last evening with Mrs. Watkins in Forest Grove.

SCHOLLS.

Busy Times—Rural Mail Delivery—Electric Plant for G. & R. Mill—Bear Hunt—New Houses. Scholls, Sept. 9.—Three steam threshers and a sawmill running in the neighborhood make Scholls a very busy place this week. — Grain is turning out good this season, especially oats. Wheat is still a little scarce around here this year. — The new mail carrier from Sherwood is delivering mail daily on the new free delivery route from that place. — Mr. Fowler, who has been living on the old J. S. Miller place, has gone to work in Newberg for the winter, and J. F. Miller is looking after his harvest for him. — Mr. Wm. Crater has his new house all up, and part of

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— Mrs. Emma Brooks started for California last week. — Mr. Jesse Snyder, who has been running the gang-edger for Groner & Rowell sawmill for the past three months, has started his new house. Mr. C. R. Adams is doing the work. — Misses Minnie and Jennie Sutherland have gone to Portland to work for the winter. — Mr. F. T. Sheels has returned from the harvest fields and is going to work for the mill company again. — Taylor Bros. have given their house a new coat of paint. A. Wedisking welding the brush. — The G. & R. company are going to put in an electric plant this winter in their sawmill. — Mr. Ernest Hanson has his hops all picked and is busy baling. — Most of the young people of Scholls are picking hops for Mr. Winters. — Mr. Cyrus Brown has gone to Woodburn to dry hops this year. — C. H. Brooks and W. E. Prosser are off to the mountains for a bear hunt. Leave your orders for bear meat at Adams' store. — Mrs. J. W. Ratcliffe is going to take a trip to The Dalles in a few days. — Mr. J. S. Miller has moved back on his farm. City life does not agree with him.

PATTON VALLEY.

Many Visitors—Bear Disturbs Mr. Robinson's Milking—Surveying for Electric Power Line—School House Improvements. Patton Valley, Sept. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, of Goldendale, arrived here Sunday afternoon, to be the guests of Mrs. Hatch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bates. — Mrs. C. H. Standbridge spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rutherford. — Mrs. Roberts and sister-in-law, Miss Roberts, spent Tuesday in Forest Grove. — Mr. Dan McLeod is pulling poles in the hopyard near Gaston. — Rev. Mr. Putman, of Dilley, is visiting in Patton Valley this week. — Mr. L. C. Walker and party, from Forest Grove, have been surveying for Mr. Haines in this vicinity for the Lee Falls electric power plant. — Mr. Fred Robinson had a visitor the other night while he was milking his cow, but unlike most visitors it came growling. The cow was unwilling to make the stranger's acquaintance and didn't wait to be milked, but ran away. The bear came right into the door yard, about forty yards from the house. Bears are quite numerous this year. The neighbors vainly pursued bruin all the next day. — The Patton Valley school house has improved in appearance since Mr. Patton commenced work on it.

BEAVERTON.

Mill Short of Water—Sick People Benefitted by Change of Climate—Moving—St. Mary's Academy Opens—Public School Teachers—Visitors to the Seashore—Improvements. Beaverton, Sept. 9.—Livermore's mill, west of town, is having quite a time getting water. Two or three wells have been sunk, one over one hundred feet deep, and still they have to haul water, two men and a team being kept busy supplying the mill. — Several more went up the valley from here hop picking Sunday.



WASHINGTON COUNTY TOBACCO.

The last census credited Washington county with only part of an acre on which 260 pounds of tobacco was produced, but a number of patches over the county have demonstrated that it could be produced and three years ago must have been an exceptional year if over a ton of the weed was not raised. Burt Stewart, on Philip French's farm near Thatcher, a dozen years ago, raised enough tobacco for his own use and that of the neighborhood from a quarter acre. Mr. J. T. Fletcher's father, on his Gales Creek farm, planted once four different varieties of tobacco seed furnished by Senator Mitchell and the early kind did very well. Mr. Townsend, near Centerville, and several around Dilley have raised fair crops and John Weoll, of Gales Creek, has been marketing fine tobacco for a number of years. About the frost line on the hillsides is said to be especially adapted for tobacco raising and another season is likely to see this a considerable industry.