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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.

ready to try it once more, and with a clear whistle he made another start only to get stuck good and fast in a mud hole. It was up to him then, he thought, but another more fortunate came along and two horses and two mules pulled him out of his difficulty and he was happy, for surely no more bad luck could overtake him on this trip. But alack and alas he soon hung up again and pulled a lame in two pieces. He was nearer home now than the mill so he jumps astride a mule and started for a new home, and supper, whistling only as such men can. But he was destined to get left again for the pesky mule dumped him over a stump head on and went off leaving him bleeding at the nose and mouth. Well, the lumber arrived at the yard the next day and we promised to say nothing about it.

New Ladd & Reed Farm Superintendent—Shortage of Cars for Shipping Threshing and Hop Picking Over.

Reedville, Sept. 16.—Threshing and hop picking are about completed for this season. — Chester Baldra is visiting his grandparents this week. — We are glad to see that Otto Wolf is able to be around again. — Miss Merchant returned to her home at Carlton Thursday. — Miss Milne, of Hillsboro, and Miss Bennett, of Portland, visited with Miss Chalmers yesterday afternoon. — Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thomason, who have lived in our community the past three years during which time Mr. Thomason superintended the Ladd & Reed farm, left for Yamhill county Friday. — Mr. H. E. Davis, accompanied by his wife and family, has moved into our midst and will fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Thomason. — The farmers are growing desperate for want of cars to haul the produce to town; flat cars and wood racks are considered a luxury, and we understand from those who have loaded straw in the wood racks, that they are to run the risk of loss by fire.

SHERWOOD.

Old Friends from Missouri—Flour Being Shipped In—Railway Agent's Vacation Over—Hoppickers' Ball—Improvements.

Sherwood, Sept. 15.—O. P. Bogart and wife, of Clyde, Mo., were the guests this week of J. C. Smock and family. Mr. Smock and Mr. Bogart spent their boyhood days together in old Missouri, and it's needless to say many are the incidents they can relate pertaining to the ups and downs of boyhood life. — J. C. Smock received a car of flour this week from

the Sheridan mills. Mr. Smock claims that it takes a car of flour every two months to run his trade. This is a very poor wheat section, as most of the farmers raise exclusively hops and onions. — Miss Smock, who has been spending the last month on the beach, has returned home and resumed her position as S. P. agent at this place. — Mr. A. Campbell has just recently started up his prune drier. Mr. Campbell states that owing to large yield of his prunes this year, he will be obliged to cut out outside work in order to save his own crop. — M. H. H. Welch, one of the rural mail carriers, is erecting a nice two-story addition to his original one-story dwelling. — Mr. H. H. Eymann, our enterprising undertaker, states that business has been exceedingly good since his return from Washington. He says that he has sold five coffins in little over a month, not all, however, for Sherwood, principally from outside districts. — The Sherwood public school building is now undergoing a thorough cleaning up, including painting both inside and out, and various other minor improvements needed. C. T. Hall and G. W. Duke are wielders of the brush. — The Hoppickers' ball given on last Saturday evening was reported as a grand success. Something like 75 numbers were sold, besides the ice cream served by the ladies was well patronized.

creased business resulting from the four rural delivery routes.—Mr. C. G. Hall has gone to Portland to begin his last year in the medical college. — Mr. E. A. Saylor has gone to Tillamook to embark in the cigar manufacturing business on his own account. We wish him success, and expect nothing else, as he is very attentive to business, and if work and rustle will bring success he will surely meet with it. While we hate to lose him from our town we believe it best for him in that territory, believing he has made a good choice of location.

Hoppickers Finish, Hops Good, Pickers Satisfied and Growers Confident of Fair Prices—Preacher Misses Appointment.

Banks, Sept. 16.—N. C. Shipley finished picking hops the 15th inst., with an average of over 4000 pounds per day for nine days, and his hops are of the best quality, no mold, and were picked in good shape. The pickers were most all satisfied as they got a cent a pound for picking and the hop growers think they will get a good price for their hops. Heltzel & Co. will finish this week some time. The Friday boys will get through picking about Sunday. — Rev. Mr. Clemon failed to reach his appointment last Sunday at Fir Grove.

GALES CREEK.

P. U. and Business College Students—Visiting in Eastern Oregon—Hops—Many Improvements—Fruit Drier at Work.

Gales Creek, Sept. 16.—Miss Lou Lilly has gone to Portland to attend business college this winter. — M. L. Barnett, a P. U. student who canvassed this place for the Century Book Company during the summer, made the first delivery of books on Thursday last. Those who received the books were well pleased. — Hoppicking is well under way in Will Poole's yard; the pickers are doing good work under the management of Will Gardner. — Mrs. Sam Wells and daughter, Ada, with baby Teddy, have gone to Eastern Oregon to visit relatives. Mr. Wells thinks of locating there. We hope such will not be the case, as it would be a serious loss to our neighborhood. — Mrs. Mat Hines, accompanied by her sister, Miss Clara Hines, spent Sunday with Mrs. Chas. Hundley at Williams' hop yard. — Walter Sargent has gone to Forest Grove to attend the Academy this winter. He will make his home with Mrs. Carpenter while there. — Every one is very busy in our little valley. Mr. Short has just finished painting his

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE



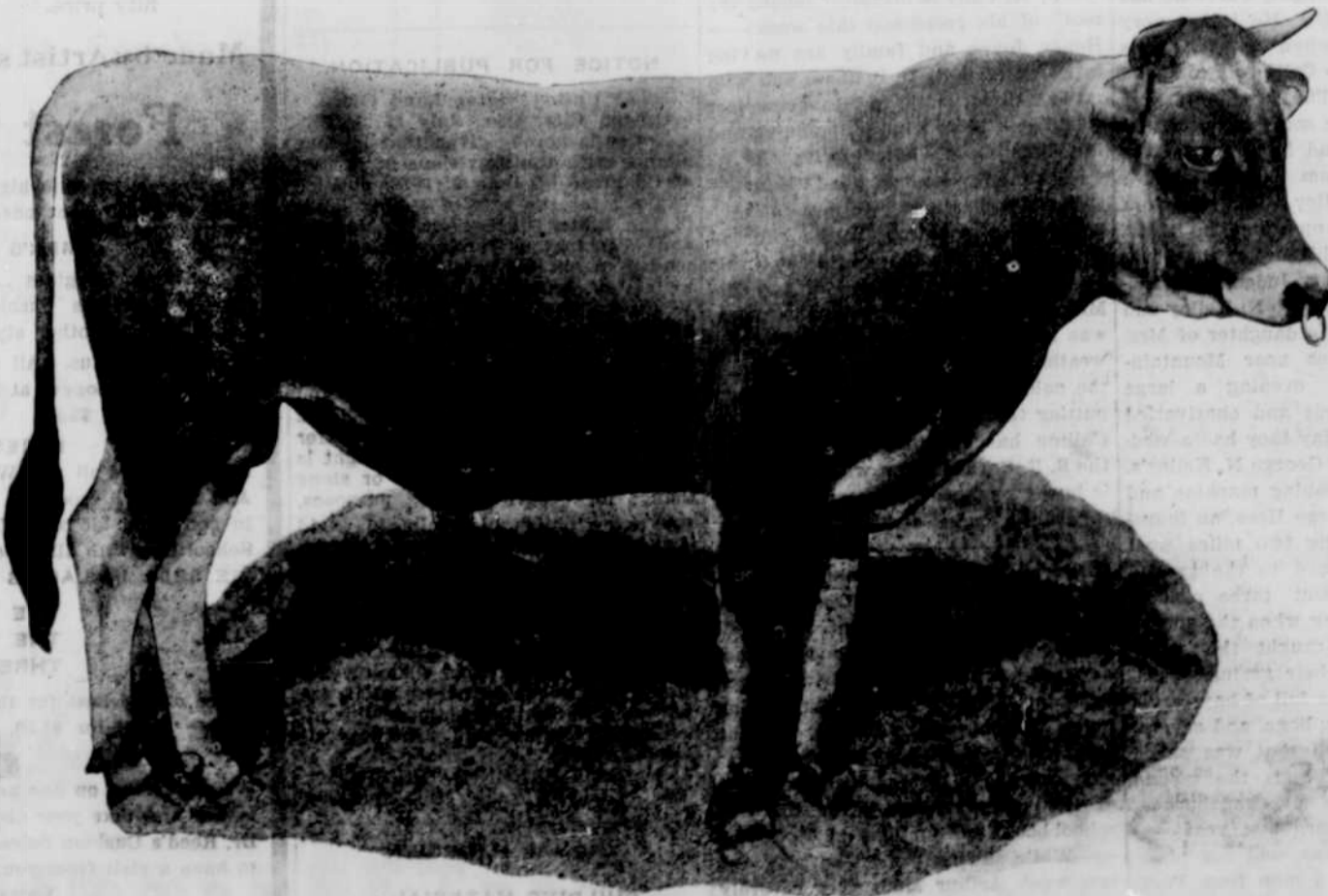
GASTON.

Family Reunion—Lumber Mill Busy—Lad Drinks Carbolic Acid—Live Stock Sale—Satisfactory Crops—New Residence—Prune Drying—Chapter of Accidents to a Lumber Hauler.

Gaston, Sept. 16.—The Widow Best's four boys had a happy reunion at her home Sunday and early Monday morning they started for the mountains to save a squirrel and chipmunk hunt. From the amount of canned and bottled goods that went in the commissary department, they intend to stay until the snow drives them in. — Patton & Holscher are rushing lumber out from their mountain mill as fast as they can get teams to haul it out, yet they are away behind their orders. — The railroad is discriminating against wood and mill men, as they are letting the flats out for grain shipments. From the experience of some of the up-country farmers on a shipment of this kind the first of the week we think it will be a losing game, as considerable of the wheat rolled off the flats, and the shipper will in all probability be the loser. — Walter Johnson ate too much and too late of Eastern Oregon watermelons, resulting in a very bad case of colic. It all happened at a watermelon feast at the close of hop picking. — Frank Brown's little boy came near losing his life from drinking carbolic acid. Prompt remedies saved the lad's life but will not save some scars as some of the acid was spilled over the face. — The Gaston live stock association have advertised their annual sale for October 14. — The Gaston flouring mill is busy now handling the farmers' grain. By the way, there is no better flour made than comes from the Gaston mill. — There is considerable grain yet unharvested on the Wapato lake and it looks as if there would be plenty of feed for the ducks this winter. — The farmers in general are through with harvest and threshing and are about ready for fall rains. Ditto for hop men. Creed or no creed, the threshers, balers and hop pickers have been kept humming, churning and picking regardless of the command, "Remember the Sabbath day." — Crops of all kinds have yielded well and of a good quality and at present prices the farmers should have money to throw at the birds. — Mr. Purdy is ready to start the building of a fine residence on the Roe farm as soon as he can get sand and lime to lay the foundation. — The inability to get cars is ruining many a man's prospects. We surely have

more comforts, better houses, pianos, etc., than we did in the good old days of the ox team, but, oh, the worry of it all makes us grow old so fast. — The air is filled with the aroma of the prune drier and they are big ones this year, the prunes. — Bert Best has been quite sick this week, threatened with typhoid fever. — So many of the residents of Gaston have been away hop picking that the quiet of the town has made those who had to stay at home feel as if they were shut up in a country grave yard. But there will be plenty of money when they return as he who does not make big wages in the hop fields this season has only himself to blame. — Here is a half day's experience for a man with a mule team hauling lumber out of the mountains. First it was hard and hot work to get the load onto the wagon. Once started all went well until a wheel came in contact with a small stump when something popped and the coupling pole was two. Then a trip back to the mill and the making of a new stick to couple up with and the load to get off and on again, and then down the hill merrily he goes again until the load got tired of the slow gait of the mules and started on ahead. Next the brake had to be put down hard and the load unloaded and readjusted again and to make sure of no slipping this time the clamp was screwed down so hard that one of them broke and sent the teamster a back somersault into the woods. But he was soon up and at it, again and with chains and ropes

Washington County's \$1000 Bull



Dr. Thos. Withycomb, ex-state veterinarian and director of the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis, has on his farm near Farmington the richest-bred Coozassie bull alive, the only grandson and line-bred to Coozassie on all four grandparents, King Koffie's Count (24,405), whose dam and sire were both imported from the Island of Jersey. As a 2-year-old he was bought for \$1,000 by R. N. Snell, of Dayton, and brought to Oregon. He is now hearty and vigorous at the age of 14, and for over two years has headed the herd at the Farmington farm.

house. Finn Miller has a new gate, and Dan Pierce is erecting a new house on his ranch. — Threshing is over and John Heisler has put the iron horse under cover for the winter. — Messrs. Berry and Thrapp have started up their fruit drier. Mr. Neil McGilvery will assist the drying this year.

Unpleasant Weather — Hauling Straw — Church Services.

Hayward, Sept. 14.—Hayward is having plenty of rain and cold this Fall. — Messrs. George Kessler and C. Rinehor are hauling straw from the valley. — Preaching services will be held at Hayward Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Foot Injured in Hay Baler — Baling Straw — Good Money in Hoppicking — Fruit Drying—Chance for Carpenter.

Seghers, Sept. 15. — Mr. Joseph Bronner while feeding the baler for Roth & Steinkemeter, got his foot caught in an attempt to kick down the head block, and will be laid up for a month with a badly bruised foot. — Mr. Roth has been busy at work baling straw, but is again interrupted for a few days on account of sorety of hands. — Mrs. Watson and son have returned home from the hop yards, clearing the neat sum of \$26 for two weeks. — We were also informed that there is going to be a grand wedding in the neighborhood pretty soon. We are only too glad to congratulate the contracting parties in advance, as we expect a good time. — Mr. G. W. Beal is now busily engaged in running his fine fruit dryer both day and night, having an abundant crop of his own, besides what he dries for others on shares. — Mrs. Lorette Tolson is contemplating the building of another addition to her house along with several bay windows and porches. Any good carpenter not too busy is sought for the job.

TIGARDVILLE.

South Bend School—Garden Home Visitors—Grange Fair—Big Hop Yield—School to Open.

Tigardville, Sept. 16.—The South Bend school started last Monday. Mr. John Hohman is the teacher. — Several girls from Garden Home were visiting in this place Sunday. — The painting of the schoolhouse has begun. August Wedeking is doing the painting. — Engineer McLeod, the R. R. surveyor, now at this place, reports a good grade as far as he has surveyed. — Mr. Al Hoffman, a former resident of this place, was visiting friends Sunday. — Mr. Jos. Hingley, of Progress, was visiting here Tuesday afternoon. — The Misses Effie Godman, Ivah Crawford and Nettie Hoffman have returned from the hop yards. — Mr. Fred L. Gault is now baling his hops. Mr. Hanson of Scholls is baling them. — School will start Sept. 28. Miss E. A. Downing is principal and Miss Moelling primary teacher. — Free concerts every evening by Mr. J. Gaarde's gramophone, in open air except when raining. — The annual Grange fair this year will be better and larger than ever before. — Wednesday Grange was held at this place. — Mr. E. A. Knotts reports probably the largest yield of hops in the state; 86 hills less than two acres yielded 585 boxes, which at 12 pounds per box would make 7020 pounds or 3510 pounds per acre.

Thresher at Work—Big Bear Killed—Sick List—Good Hop Pickers.

Patton Valley, Sept. 16.—The threshers are again blowing their whistle in Patton Valley, and they are very welcome visitors. — Mr. Scott's son, Alec, shot and killed a large bear Saturday. — Mr. Scott and son spent Monday in Portland. — Mr. Allan McLeod's son, Albert, has been very sick with inflammatory rheumatism. — Mrs. J. Bates was very ill Saturday. — Mr. Penn Patton has been picking his hops for several days; he has some very good pickers. Henry McLeod, age 14 years, picked 208 pounds Friday, Miss Mina McLeod picked 215 pounds and Miss Zela Stevenson picked 235 pounds. — Among the people from Forest Grove are Mr. and Mrs. Case, Mrs. Hyde and daughters, Mrs. Graham and daughter. — The Christian Endeavor held their services as usual Sunday even-