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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



ALBION.

Students Off to School—Threshing Through—Death of Miss A. M. Bergerson.

Albion, Sept. 22.—The postmaster at Albion and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary McDaniel, made a business trip to the county seat last week. Mr. Fred North and Miss Merle Shannahan passed through this place last week, Mr. North enroute to Chicago, to take a course in history; Miss Shannahan to Forest Grove, to enter Tualatin Academy. Mr. Edwin North passed through on Monday of this week enroute to Monmouth, to continue his studies there the coming winter. The Upper Nehalem Threshing Machine Company expects to finish the season's run tomorrow on the place of William Roberts, having made a very successful run this fall. (Notice of the death of Miss A. M. Bergerson appears under separate heading—Ed.)

BANKS.

More Music—Special Church Meetings at Greenville—Church of God Eldership to Meet With Fir Grove Church—Students for Philomath—Preparing Ensilage—Lumber Mills Busy—Golden Crown Creamery Takes Second Premium for Butter at State Fair.

Banks, Sept. 22.—A. H. Phipps has just received a new organ from Chicago, and it is a beauty; P. C. Flibert also got an instrument, from the same firm. H. D. McIntyre, a Church of God minister, who lives in North Washington, visited with J. Garrigus over Sunday and is now holding meetings at Greenville, but will return to this place next week to attend the eldership of the Church of God, which will be held at Fir Grove Church, beginning the first day of October; the opening sermon to be preached the preceding evening by Elder A. Wilson. Messrs. Parmley and Shipley and Miss Mary Garrigus left Monday for Philomath, where they are attending school for the coming year. Arad Garrigus will begin putting his corn in the silos Thursday of this week. He will use Austin Buxton's cutter, and the Baker boys will furnish the power. Threshing will soon be a thing of the past, as this week will finish up all the grain in this part of the county. Shipley & Galloway are pushing their new mill to completion as fast as possible, so as to be ready for the winter work, the previous evening by Elder A. Wil-

KANSAS CITY.

Notes From a Greenville Suburb—More Dairy Cows—Clover Huller at Work—Nebraska Visitor—Prune Drying.

Kansas City, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Mann and girls have returned from the Yamhill hopyards. Mr. Aydelotte has moved to Mrs. Watkins' place. Mr. Lewis has been getting new cows, which means that the condenser is a fine thing to have to sell milk to. Mr. Vanderzanden is kept busy hauling his prunes to the dryer. Mr. Kirts is still hauling hay. Mr. George McGraw is still out on the plains with his huller. Baker Bros. have got through thresh-

ing for this year. Little Roscoe Lloyd has been very sick, but is better now. Mrs. Hamilton's sister, from Lincoln, Neb., is out to see her on a visit.

GARDEN HOME.

Visitors Arriving and Departing—Threshers Gone—Long Distance Concert—Prune Drying.

Garden Home, Sept. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were in Portland Tuesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Gaarde passed through here bright and early Thursday on their way to Salem in search of a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Huffaker's nephew, Johnny Garren, of Portland, was out for a few days' visit. Mr. and Mrs. Denny were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robert Brown, Friday, and Mrs. Aaron Denny and Miss Louise Johnson were also visiting Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Sally Hamer was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huffaker, last week. The threshers have been in the neighborhood at last, and departed in search of pastures new. A number of the lines were open, and there were Saturday night several graphophones following each other in furnishing music. Mrs. Cephas King's mother is visiting him. Mrs. Borgen, who was injured in a runaway accident, is at home now. She is considerably bruised about the face. Mr. Borgen's mother is staying with them. Mr. and Mrs. Huffaker have gone to French Prairie. Mrs. Huffaker's mother is quite ill. She is quite an old lady. Mrs. Peterson visited Mrs. Gaarde, of Tigardville, Sunday. Mr. Okestrom stayed over Monday at Mr. Nicholson's. Mr. Hans Peterson is drying his prunes in Mrs. Spencer's drier. Our school started Monday.

REEDVILLE.

Quotations From a Poet Who Never Saw an Oregon Autumn—Iowan Returns Home—Missourians Like Webfoot—Big Foreign Immigration.

Reedville, Sept. 23.—"The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year, Of walling winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere. Heaped in the hollow of the grove the withered leaves lie dead, They rustle to the eddying gust, and to the rabbit's tread."

Miss Helena Oakerman and Robt. Imlay are students at the Tualatin Academy, Forest Grove, this term. Carl Weather, who spent his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. York, at this place, has returned to his home

in Portland. Mrs. Gerken, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hundley, the past month, departed for her home in Iowa Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Missouri, were the guests of their niece, Mrs. J. B. Hays, a few days last week. Mr. Miller was quite favorably impressed with our Webfoot State. Our population has been increased considerably the last few days, by the arrival of seven section cars, six of which are occupied by Japs.

FARMINGTON.

Family Moves to Washington—Vacant House Filled—An Unneighborly Bad Man With a Gun—Heater-Robinson Wedding.

Farmington, Sept. 24.—Mrs. F. P. Dickerson, of Spokane, Wash., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Frank Wallace. Mrs. D. M. McInnis and daughters left for Fort Flieger, Wash., where they will join Mr. McInnis. Grass seed for sale at Krebs'. Mr. W. H. McCormick and family will occupy the house vacated by Mrs. McInnis. School books and supplies at the postoffice store. An act of neighborly love that happened near here last Saturday shall not fail to be put on record for future times. One of the threshing outfits wanted to get to a certain grain stack, but as the county bridge at that place is unsafe and condemned by the authorities the only way, without going to the trouble of building a new road, was through a neighbor's field for the distance of about a hundred yards, but all pleading by the thresher boss was in vain; permission was refused. When the thresher came up in the afternoon and permission was again asked, this nice neighbor pulled his ever-ready revolver and flourishing it with much bravado threatened to kill the first man that would try to go through the gate. Calm conversation on the other side averted a catastrophe and work for the coroner. The community is greatly aroused over the affair, which can not be too strongly condemned. You can get as good goods and groceries as cheap and keep the money at home by patronizing J. J. Krebs.

Gasoline Pumping Plant—Another Inhabitant—Summer Sickness—Patton Valley Barn Burns—Crawfishing—Temperance Talk All Will Endorse.

Gaston, Sept. 24.—The S. P. R. R. Co. have put in a gasoline engine at Gaston, to be used in pumping water into their tank. They have one in at Beaverton, and are going to put one in at Whiteson, and will take the tank out at Cornelius and other points on the road. The three tanks with the

gasoline engine attachments will supply the west side of the road. Edwin Shotwell is happy over the advent of a daughter at their home. She began to squall early Sunday morning. There has been considerable sickness the last two weeks about our burg, mostly some bowel complaint. The trouble has been especially bad among the babies. It seems to have the nature of an epidemic. No fatal cases so far that we have heard of. Several hundred tons of hay are piled up at our station, awaiting cars to take it to market. Most of it is contracted, but unless there are more cars the farmers will be unable to fulfill their contracts. Frank Henderson cut his hay this week. He has been waiting for it to rain. He thinks if he cuts while it rains he will have sunshine to gather it in. Chas. Hudson's father and mother are making him a visit this week. The old folks are enjoying good health at present, and are shaking hands with their many old acquaintances about Gaston. Notices of public sales are so numerous that they cover all the available room on the front of the stores, old barns, etc. One would think that all the farmers are bent on leaving Oregon, but we think that they only want to get rid of their old stuff, to replace it with new and better. Mrs. Dr. Everest has been visiting her father and mother at Portland this week, and also to take in the carnival. Matthew Bates met with a severe loss in a fire that burned up a barn containing his winter hay. He managed to save his horses, but a horse belonging to the threshing crew, who were at his place, was burned, and also one of Mr. Bates' cows and his harness. Mr. Bates was burned very severely in his efforts to save some of his property from the flames, and will not be able to use his hands for some time, as they were both badly burned. There was no insurance on the barn, and it will be a total loss. The fire started from an overturned lantern, the oil running out and starting a blaze that was soon shooting out through the roof and sides of the barn. The barn was new, just completed in time for this year's crop. Lucky for Mr. Bates that he had not threshed yet, so he will have his grain and straw to fall back on. Sam Lenox has been having great fun in teaching crawfishing in Patton creek to chew tobacco. He sits on the bank and spits into the water until some luckless crawfish gets a taste of the weed, then he has his victim, for, like the young urchin, it tastes bad and dirties up his mouth but he can't let go the habit once he gets to chewing. Sam claims that some of the old ones got so bold that they squirted tobacco juice into his

eyes. Sam tried to learn them to smoke, but just as they would get to puffing away good they would pull their heads under the water and put the cigar out. It is bad enough for a man to drink to excess and go home and make it unpleasant for his wife and children, but when a man who has formed the drink habit and wants to quit and live a decent life, it is one of the meanest things that a man can do to try to induce such an one to drink again. We pity the man when the drink habit becomes his master, but if there is any hell it is surely for the man who will try to get a man down by innuendoes and persuasion who is earnestly trying to quit the habit that is ruining his home and his prospects for success and happiness. The public sales that have taken place so far have not called out the number of people that usually attend public sales, and the results are not what could be expected. Harry Baker and Johnny Stewart have returned from the hop fields, and report having had the best time that one could enjoy, in fact, they never had so much fun. The hop men offered them \$150.00 if they would never return, and they were given the unanimous vote of being the biggest "devils" on Pike.

Gaston, Sept. 23.—Hopping is just about over, and most of the pickers have returned home, with a neat little sum to show for their labor.

Miss Mabelle Mattheson and her brother Ray, left Monday for Corvallis, where they will attend the O. A. C. this year. Mr. Glen Raymond is spending his two weeks' vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. I. J. Raymond. Misses Jessie and Mamie Hibbs spent last week in Portland. Mrs. S. D. Ralston was in Portland the first of last week and bought her fall stock of millinery. She now has it opened and ready for display, with a very complete line. E. X. Harding, who has been quite sick, is again able to be around, and is back at his old place at the mill. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ward and family left Wednesday morning for a week's visit at Astoria, with Mrs. Ward's brother, Will Scholfield. On account of this fine weather Mr. Carmichael will be able to save his entire crop on the lake. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis, of Patton Valley, were in town one day this week.

FERN HILL.

Markets Brisk—Wedding Imminent—New Dwelling—Thresher Moves to Gaston—Prune Drying—Sawmill to Start Up—Fire Slightly Damages Fruit Drier—Dairy Cows Wanted.

Fern Hill, Sept. 24.—The Vacationists have all returned from mountain lake and shore, and everywhere there's evidence that Vacation days are o'er.

And the harvest days are over, too. Everything is lovely, and everything on the move—especially wood, grain and potatoes. There has been special activity in the buying and selling of the two commodities last mentioned. One of our young men, who is engaged, procured a license the other day, so look out for further announcements. Miss Alida Alton visited her friend, Mrs. John Parsons, at Centerville, the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon attended church at the Grove Sunday. Frank A. Jacobs, of Eugene, Wash., a nephew of Mrs. Geo. Chapman, was her guest Saturday. Mr. Jacobs was on his way to Pullman, Wash., where he goes to take a business course in the Agricultural College. Leonard Dixon went to Portland Wednesday. He expects to stay there during the winter. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sims, of Forest Grove, spent Tuesday with the family of Mr. J. Dixon. Mr. C. Hulman now has the lumber on the ground for his new house. Charlie Cooper is working with the Hendricks thresher, which finished up the last job of threshing here late Saturday night, and moved to Gaston Sunday for a week's run. Mr. Geo. Chapman is falling out his bean crop this week. Mr. S. Altman is having a ton and a half of prunes dried at Cornelius. The Challacombe boys have sold their prunes to the Newell

DIRECTORS OF THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED FOREST GROVE BOARD OF TRADE.



The Directors in the rear row, beginning at the left and going toward the right, are: Fred Watrous, of Dugan & Watrous, general merchants; Walter Hoge, editor Forest Grove Times; Councilman S. G. Hughes, hardware merchant and proprietor of the Washington County Independent Telephone system; Postmaster H. C. Atwell, who is now enjoying his annual leave of absence and attending to his important interests as a large grower of prunes; Austin Craig, editor Washington County News; Dr. E. B. Rentz, vice-president; Dr. Chas. Hines, treasurer, representative, druggist, and seated in front are Ex-Senator E. W. Haines, banker, and Judge W. H. Hollis, secretary, of the law firm of Hollis & Hawks.