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## THE HOLLEY FAIR WAS A SUCCESS

Saturday Being a Fine Day, Brought Out  
a Good Crowd--The Exhibits  
Were Excellent

Nevertheless last week's rains extended up to late Friday evening, the weather clerk favored our Holley friends with an ideal fair day on Saturday. But, because most people anticipated a rainy day on Saturday, they neglected to prepare and take exhibits to the fair which they would have taken had the weather been more promising. However, there were splendid horses—horses which were decorated with blue ribbons, obtained at the state fair, a few fine looking Holstine cattle, some good looking goats and a few pigs.

In the Grange hall, as fine vegetables and fruit were displayed as can be grown anywhere. The field corn shown was equal to corn grown in the corn states. The display of canned fruit and jellies, though limited, were fully up to the standard of the best shown anywhere. Bread and cakes shown, were positive proof that our Holley lady friends were good cooks as well as splendid needle women, as the quilts and other fancy needle work amply demonstrated.

The scope of the Holley Grange fair is not intended to be very far reaching. But simply to show what the Calipooia valley and vicinity is capable of producing. As such, it is attractive to visitors, especially to people seeking a location. It is, also, productive of a friendly rivalry between farmers and housewives and is sure to generate a desire to grow better horses, cattle and other stock, fruit and vegetables.

To this end, the Holley fair is most valuable and is worthy of the patronage of the people. Let us hope that the weather, next year, may be more propitious when, of course, the people will give it the patronage it deserves.

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### Hotel Sweet Home

MYERS & ROSE, Props.

Clean and Airy Rooms and Beds.  
The tables are supplied  
with the best of  
the market affords



Special Orders—Special Prices

Feed and Livery Barn in  
connection with Hotel  
Prices are Reasonable.

SWEET HOME - OREGON

### Mr. Van Fleet Replies

The Tribune of last week published an account of the postoffice situation, written by F. L. Gilbert in which there are several statements that it might be well to answer. The contract as published is alright and no one denies any part of it so far as I know. But in a following statement Mr. Gilbert says I came to him and asked that the time be extended. Now I will say that in all instances Mr. Gilbert came to me when the contract expired. Mr. Gilbert came to my place saying he had an opportunity to take in a partner and that they intended to put in a stock of ladies goods, and talked some about our contract. I told him I would leave the whole proposition up to them. He said he would study the matter over and let me know in a few days. He did so saying that they had concluded to let the matter run until the middle of May. But before the middle of May he came to me again and wanted to make other arrangements.

Mr. Gilbert states that men from Holley and Crawfordville came to him saying that I would beat him if there was any chance whatever as I had no money. Now I defy Mr. Gilbert to produce those men, before witnesses, and let them state the same again. He also said that I agreed to sign his petition if he would give back the \$20. This I also emphatically deny and he cannot prove that I did.

As regards the inspector's conversation with me, I notified the department as he told me to do and how is Mr. Gilbert to prove that I never.

As the contract has been published, it might be well to stick to it. In it you will find no agreement for him to return the money nor for me to resign as postmaster. I put up the money knowing full well that I would lose it if I didn't take the property. I lost it and am not asking it back.

After he had sent his petition to Washington I received a letter from the department which is as follows:

Washington, June 3, 1913.  
Roscoe W. Van Fleet,  
Sweet Home, Ore.

Sir:—The inclosed order directs Mr. Florence L. Gilbert, postmaster at Sweet Home, to deliver to you the mail bags, keys, stamps, letters and all other public property belonging to said office. Present the order in the presence of witnesses, showing your commission as postmaster.

Respectfully  
Daniel C. Roper  
First Asst. P. O. Gen.

Will say that when I went to Mr. Gilbert on Sept. 30, I did just as the letter states, showing my commission and presenting the order which reads as follows:

Washington, June 3, 1913.  
M. Florence L. Gilbert  
Sweet Home, Ore.

Sir:—You are directed to deliver the mail bags, keys, stamps, letters and all public property belonging to the postoffice at Sweet Home to Roscoe W. Van Fleet, who has been commissioned postmaster at said office.

Respectfully,  
Daniel C. Roper  
First Asst. P. M. Gen.

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## HILL CONFERS WITH JOHNSON PORTER

Chairman of Great Northern Railway Discusses Proposed Extension of Electric to Foster

Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway, who arrived in Portland Friday, spent most of the time in the metropolis conferring with Johnson Porter, a member of the firm of Porter Bros., who recently acquired the huge tract of timber land near Foster in which he and his brother, together with Mr. Hill, W. P. Davidson of Portland, and several St. Paul capitalists are the principal stockholders.

The purchasers of this tract of timber land are very anxious to construct an extension of the Oregon Electric from Albany to Foster in order to tap the heart of the timber belt and build sawmills for the purpose of cutting the timber. The Hill interests have this matter under consideration and men acquainted with the inside workings seem to think that the construction of this line is not improbable.

Mr. Hill and his associates still have more than 500,000 acres of agricultural and range lands in Central Oregon which they are offering for development. They have had many inquiries regarding this property, and Louis Hill predicts a heavy influx of settlers into that region next year. Mr. Hill will probably not visit the Willamette valley this trip.—Albany Herald.

## STELLA MORGAN IS FOUND DELINQUENT

Judge McKnight Ordered Girl Sent to the Industrial School for Girls at Salem

Stella Morgan, the 15-year-old girl who recently eloped to Sweet Home with Melvin Peebler, the 17-year-old youth who was later sent to the reform school at Salem for stealing a horse belonging to a farmer near this city, was brought to Albany this afternoon by Sheriff Bodine and taken before Judge McKnight in the juvenile court, who is this afternoon hearing the evidence in the case brought by Mrs. C. P. Peebler of this city, who charges the girl with being delinquent. The case was to have been heard yesterday afternoon and the father of the girl was cited to appear, and when he appeared he stated that he couldn't bring the girl to court. The sheriff was then sent after her and arrested her this morning in Lebanon.

Stella Morgan recently eloped in a sensational manner to the mountains of Eastern Linn county with Melvin Peebler of this city. They

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### Chemical Engine Purchased

Sweet Home has taken a step forward in the purchase of the chemical fire engine, referred to in last week's issue. The purchase price, we are told, is \$592 f. o. b. Sweet Home, with the privilege of exchanging the same, within the next five years for fire hose, in case a satisfactory water system is provided.

Now people can feel a degree of assurance that, in case of fire, we have a means of protection. We should have a substantial reduction in insurance rates in consequence.

It is now up to Sweet Home to organize a fire department, provide a fire alarm bell, etc.

### Poor Mail Service

That we have poor and a careless transportation of mails, almost every one will admit. The Tribune does not believe the trouble is due to the Sweet Home office. Almost one-half the time the Daily Oregonian fails to arrive on the day of publication. This irregularity is, probably, due to the Lebanon office. The failure to arrive of Albany Dailies is due to the Albany office, principally. Several letters, some of them important, have also, gone on a tour of inspection to other offices, we suppose. At least they failed to reach this one.

We know that in the hurry of making up mails, mistakes are unavoidable. But when mistakes occur half the time, we give it the name "carelessness" or "inefficiency."

### A Big Bottom Ruction

"You are a liar" said Geo. Whitcomb to Mike Cosgrove, two citizens of Big Bottom, one day last week. "Don't call me a liar," said Mike. Whitcomb repeated the assertion and in an instant felt the weight of Cosgrove's fist.

Whitcomb was not badly hurt but his thinking apparatus got busy immediately. He soon thereafter, went to Albany and swore to a writ of arrest for Cosgrove. Constable Catlin, of Albany, served the warrant and, last Sunday, accompanied by H. M. Myer, Cosgrove went to Albany to answer to the complaint.

There was a justice of the peace in Sweet Home, who could have taken care of the affair, just as well as to incur the large expense of taking the matter to Albany.

### J. B. Irvine Dies

Jesse B. Irvine, of Corvallis, died at Ashland a few days ago, aged 83 years. Mr. Irvine was an Oregon pioneer. He has been mayor of more towns in Oregon and Washington than probably any other man. He was an old time Scio merchant and represented Linn county in the state senate at one time. His brother, R. A., dead for many years, was sheriff of Linn county for two years. Another brother, B. H., now lives in Lebanon. Mr. Irvine was a public spirited citizen and always took a prominent part in the affairs of any town in which he lived.

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## TOWNSHIP 12, R. 4 HAS FISTIC BATTLE

First Settler and Chief Engineer of Pack Train Have a General Mixup  
---Other News

From the Big Bottom country comes the rumor of an altercation between the oldest inhabitant and the head mule puncher for the "Early Limited" pack train. It seems, from the meager details we have gathered that, during an argument the shorter and uglier word was passed between the combatants, the same being passed back and forth. But the third time it was so carelessly handled that it landed with some steam, concentrating in the oldest settler's eye. In the excitement of the ensuing few moments the vanquished, in trying to follow out the Scriptural teaching to "turn the other cheek," must have gotten mixed for, projecting his head under the table, he left that part of his body exposed, on which in the younger generation when in need of punishment, is administered with the hand or back of the hair brush. However, there was no serious damage done.

Swan Swanson has been down to Foster for supplies.

J. F. McDonald was a little late in getting his produce down for the fair but is confident that, had he placed on exhibition his muskmelons, he would have taken first prize.

Ralph Blanchard and Chad Corgan have the contract to harvest the crop on the Cosgrove ranch, more generally known as "Hungry Run." The boys are just beginning to realize why it was so named.

In a recent baking contest among the settlers, Joe Sullivan won first prize with his raised bread. The point on which he won was the lasting qualities of the bread.

Andy Holverson's potatoes are larger this year than ever—Little Andy has to raise them out of the ground with a canthook.

Wilbur Dallas, better known as "Shorty" has, recently, brought in an alarm clock, in order to get in longer days work at his clearing. It is said that in conveying the clock in, "Shorty" got mud on the legs of it.

Ford Converse and Bob Burst have just brought in a load of supplies, for which they went after some time ago.

The first rains were welcomed in that it permitted the burning of brush piles without danger to the forest and most of the 12-4 settlers have taken advantage of the chance.

12-4 Scribe

### Market Quotations

By W. B. Thompson

Beef live, per lb	5 to 5½c
Beef, dressed, per lb	10c
Hogs, dressed, per lb	8 to 10c
Fat hogs, live wt.	7c
Stockers	6c
Veal, fancy	12c