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SWEET HOME JOTTINGS.

Mercury stands at 90.
Dr. Prill and Attorney Stowe came up from Lebanon and the attorney went fishing, and had he caught one more fish he would have had two then.
Large numbers of Indians are going through on their way to the Valley to pick hops.
George Rowell, his daughter and son have gone to the hot springs, south of here, for their health.
Rather warm for war but nevertheless a couple of the Sweet Home Bloods indulged in a contest for the belt, but being interrupted by the Justice who commanded the peace and fined the boys \$5 and costs which they paid, still no one has the belt.
The case of diphtheria we spoke of in last week's letter, which is Mr. Arnes' little child, we are sorry to note has relapsed and Dr. Lamberson was again called. (Later.) The child is better.
At this writing we are sorry to state that one of Mr. Maynard's children is worse, it having had the diphtheria for about three weeks. (Later) The child, a boy, died yesterday (Monday) about 12 o'clock.
Fred Wolfe's wife who has attended the sick at John Arnes' became alarmed at a slight illness of her child and sent for Dr. Lamberson, but when the Dr. arrived the child was up playing. Some think the doctor can cure them whether they are sick or not.

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CRABTREE.

Hot weather still continues, and the air is so full of smoke from forest and straw fires that the heat is very oppressive.

The grain harvest is being nearly completed; another two weeks of pleasant weather will put all the grain raised in this locality in the sack or bin.

Hop picking is proving to be not so good a business as formerly. We hear of one or two growers here, who this year will not pick their hops, because of the low prices of the same.

The hot days are very favorable to fruit drying, and is being fully improved by all who have fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris of Eastern Oregon are here visiting old friends.

Mrs. A. J. Bapp, (nee Miss Amanda Elliott) of Nevada City, California, is here on a visit to her sister Mrs. G. C. Moom, at the old Elliott home. Mrs. Bapp is accompanied by her two children.

Mr. Clark Doughton who has been east of the mountains for a few months returned to this place last Monday.

Surveyor E. T. T. Fisher has been in the neighborhood surveying for Mr. Leigh.

Mr. Crockett is building a barn and has lumber on the ground for a new house near the old Liberty Church.

Mr. Baum is building a very nice fruit and milk house and otherwise improving his place.

Miss Millie Goff is on the sick list.

Mrs. Wm. Armspugh has been very sick but is better.
No Church or Sabbath school here next Sunday on account of camp meeting.

Sept. 2nd, 1891.

BEAVER CREEK.

Aug. 25.

EVERTON EXPRESS:
Little Salt Lake on this creek, we understand, is steadily improving.

Mr. J. M. Flaughter is building for the purpose of running a store.

Mr. Weston has a new blacksmith shop and intends putting up a dwelling house soon.

We did not get this news from headquarters but believe it to be true.

Pleasant Home Union, No. 178 meets here each alternate Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Cornelius Kinder, our mighty Nimrod, killed a black bear near here last week. The dogs started it on Taylor hill and chased it to the head waters of Toothpick before it concluded to climb a tree and rest awhile. If a certain pedagogue who meanders in the vicinity had happened to have met the bear, the gravel and dust that would have been thrown in the bear's eyes would have been a sight to behold. Should they have met and should brain have concluded to make dessert of the pedagogue I imagine many tears of great joy would have coursed down the cheeks of the young men in the neighborhood as the pedagogue seems to have the inside track on the best of them.

Mrs. J. M. South passed here this week going to Waterloo. She is in poor health. Mrs. Slavens went with her and stayed a day or two. Mr. South and wife intend going to Eastern Oregon, hoping a change of climate will be beneficial to Mrs. South's health.

Some of our farmers are stacking their grain on account of not being able to get a machine at the time they desired to thresh.

BEAVER.

WHITCOMB CREEK.

Smoky weather.
Dry and dusty.

The deer hunters are again coming to the mountains.

S. E. Correll has returned to his ranch from East Portland.

H. B. Potter has had rather poor success burning his slashings.

Mr. Leisinger is making preparations to have a blacksmith shop in Big Bottom.

Mrs. Whitcomb is getting to be an expert at catching fish on set poles, sometimes catching one that weighs two pounds or more.

Dave Wehile has again returned to his living ground. Look out for a cougar this time.

M. E. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Monteith have returned to their home at Spokane, where Mr. Monteith has charge of the carpet department in the store of Monteith & Seltenbach.

BROWNSVILLE.

Brownsville is red hot and still a heating, 105 in the shade and still we are not happy.

The busy hum of the threshing machine can be heard in every direction, and every thing betokens a prosperous season for the farmers. Some are already hauling their grain to the mills here, and some to the warehouse where Messrs. McDonald & Steward are prepared to wait on them.

Strange rumors float on the evening breeze that we are to have another saloon, butcher shop, hotel and gas foundry. We must be going to have something for there is a great deal of new sidewalk being built something that was needed very much in Brownsville.

Miss Buena Kirkpatrick who has been visiting Miss Etta Moom, after depopulating the Calapooia with her little fish line, left for her home in Lebanon Saturday morning.

Miss Lenore Kay who has been visiting the Misses Conrow left for Salem, her home, Saturday morning.

Mr. Albert Cavender and Mr. Grant Phigley left for a short visit to Silverton to stop till Monday.

"In the midst of life we are in death." The truth of this saying was verified here last Sunday, for there was a great many strangers came to attend the funeral of Mr. S. Croft who died in Albany but who was an old resident of this place and was buried in the Baptist cemetery here Sunday. The funeral took place from the Baptist church. The members of the Brownsville lodge of Masons of which lodge Mr. Croft was a member, assembled at 3 p. m. Rev. Mr. Sierry preached a very impressive sermon touching on the many good qualities of the deceased. The number of people who attended the funeral was very large for a little town like Brownsville.

R. R. L.
Hull Road Line.

MOUNTAIN HOME.

Aug. 29, 1891.

Very warm weather.

Mr. Tom Wright's little daughter has been very sick the past few days but is convalescent.

People in this vicinity are all busy threshing their crops. They report a good yield.

Mr. George South intends to move to Eugene in about a month. What will be Mountain Home's loss will be Eugene's gain.

We learn Mr. A. Johnston intends renting G. D. Smith's place and going into the poultry business.

Mrs. Healy of Lebanon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Viola Arnold of this place.

Miss Minnie Hawken visited Fern Ridge Sunday last.

Ben Wooden is working at Lacomb.

Park Zumwalt moved near Brownsville about a week ago.

We learn that hop picking commences at Brownsville Monday, Aug. 31st.

Several of the people in this vicinity are making preparations for picking hops this year.

We learn that Mrs. Nora Thompson went to Halsey on business Saturday last.

Mr. L. B. Henderson has an abundant supply of blackberries this year.

Clyde Lanch has a nice buggy horse which he is training and shows excellent speed.

Wm. Phillip is drying fruit for H. G. Nye of Opossum Hollow.

Wm. and Jasper Fruit are working near Halsey.

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J. W. Stillwell and family, of Peoria, Illinois, arrived in our city Tuesday. Mr. Stillwell is a son of G. W. Stillwell who has been sick for some time at the C. P. parsonage.

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Crop-Weather Bulletin No. 35, For week ending Saturday, August 29, 1891.

WESTERN OREGON.

WEATHER.

The temperature has been from 10 to 15 degree a day above the average, the maximum ranging from 90 to 100 degrees on the 26th, 27th and 28th; to-day has been warm but cooler. The season of extreme heat is or should be now about over. No rain fell during the week, the weather has been cloudless, with fog on the coast in mornings and smoke in the interior valleys.

CROPS.

Wheat is all cut and much of it is threshed. In every section the yield has been above the expectations of even the most sanguine. The wheat is plump, heavy and of excellent quality. Oats are heavy and as a rule are large in yields; late oats have been injured slightly by rust in parts of Marion county. The threshers will be busy for about two weeks yet. Hop picking begins next Monday; in some sections considerable damage has been done by the lice, in other sections a good average crop will be picked. In Josephine county hop lice are not observable and no damage has been done. Fruit is ripening rapidly and is very plentiful. Tomatoes and canteloupes are now generally ripening. The hot dry weather has been slightly injurious to root crops, clover, corn and to young orchards. In Curry county the second crop of red clover is heading and the fourth crop of alfalfa has been cut, each crop averaged, in stalk, 23 inches in length.

EASTERN OREGON.

WEATHER.

Continued hot weather, with maximum temperatures of from 90 to 105 degrees, have prevailed. No rain fell, the sky has been cloudless, with smoke appearing in the atmosphere.

CROPS.

The weather has been slightly injurious to the corn crop, but favorable to fruit, melons, and to harvesting. Fruit and melons are ripening rapidly and are very plentiful. The wheat is nearly all cut west of the Blue Mts. and considerable has been threshed; all reports show that it is turning out much better than was expected. In Wasco and parts of Sherman county spring and fall wheat is somewhat shrunken. In Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties the wheat crop as a whole was never better. Harvesting is in progress east and south of the Blue Mts.; Union county especially has a fine crop of cereals, but all counties have crops above the average. Smut is found in the wheat in sections of Grant county. Prices are about 20 per cent higher than last year with an upward tendency. Farmers are happy, and prosperous times prevail throughout Oregon.

B. S. PAGUE,

Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau.

Parties returning from the Nestucca coast, says the Salem Statesman, report the bathers having seen a man in the surf there Thursday afternoon. They were on the beach and while the tide was going out the body of a man washed in close to shore, but before they could recover it the outgoing tide carried it beyond their reach.

The residence of W. B. Singleton, one of the largest and finest in Roseburg, was destroyed by fire last Sunday evening. A lamp was left burning until one of the boys should return, and it exploded after the other members of the family had gone to bed. Loss \$8,000. No Insurance.

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