

FAIRVIEW

F. E. Hamilton of Columbia View who has spent the past two months in Honolulu, has just returned home and says Oregon is good enough for him. He left G. H. Zimmerman in California, who will be home about April 1.

The steam shovel on the Mount Hood line north of Russellville has completed one of the largest cuts on the line and the company is now moving its machinery to the O.-W. L. & N. company's track at Montavilla to be loaded.

Harry Dimick and wife returned to Fairview Monday evening from Newberg for a few days' stay while packing his household goods. He and E. Smith, who have been residents of Fairview for the last six years, have moved to their places purchased some three years ago at Newberg and will make that their future home.

In perusing the columns of eastern papers and having a few cases of actual observance, we would suggest that every farmer in this county at least, select some good name for his farm and advertise it as such by placing the name on his mail box, barn door or gate. Martin Multhauff has his farm name, the Columbia View Farm, in a nice plate on his mail box. D. W. McKay, the Glen Alder; Ferrell's place is the Lone Oak. To the passerby this meets the eye and is pleasing. It is also beneficial in locating a person and a good advertisement for produce sold from the place. Use letterheads and envelopes with the farm name thereon. Register your name with the county clerk and show that you are proud of it by branding your produce with the farm name, if you are not ashamed of the produce. This is the cheapest and surest advertisement in the world.

The Montavilla boulevard is causing considerable discussion along the proposed route, especially from the Rockwood road east. A well signed petition was presented to the county court asking for this portion of the road to be granted, which now has met with strong opposition by farmers along the line, as it cuts through several farms, leaving some in bad shape, and is claimed by them to be useless as the Base Line road is a half mile south and Barr road with portion opened and balance being opened one half mile north. The Barr road enters the southern part of the town of Fairview and the county farm is located on this road. While this fight is on between the petitioners and demonstrators to be settled by the county court a crew of men is at work grubbing the boulevard east from Reames road to Rockwood road, that portion having already been granted.

MELROSE

Mr. Morgan has a crew of men cutting wood.

Everett Stafford is clearing four acres of land.

J. A. Jones transacted business in Gresham Wednesday.

H. J. Wallace is sowing a large field to oats and barley.

Captain C. O. Branson left Tuesday for a business trip to coast points.

S. A. Stafford has purchased a farm in Washington county west of Portland.

Sam Strebini recently purchased the Minsey place and is farming the land.

Dan Strebini, who has been ill for some time, is still under the physician's care and improvement is slow.

J. M. Hillyard, road commissioner for the district of Melrose, was over his part of the county roads Tuesday preparatory to the spring work.

J. Everly is putting in a drilled well. Parties from Vancouver have the contract. According to the average depth of other wells in the neighborhood water will be reached at 90 feet.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 IS PROGRESSIVE

District No. 8 is one of the most progressive schools in this locality. The patrons are enthusiastic over the good work being done by the teachers, Miss Florence Fieldhouse and Miss Elsie Calkins. The new schoolhouse is well adapted to the work. Not every district of this size can afford a piano but this school has one and the district is free from debt.

The patrons of the district are making great preparations for the social to be given next week Friday night, at the schoolhouse. There will be some literary and musical numbers. The mystery supper will be from 7 to 9, followed by the program. The funds raised will go toward paying for the piano purchased last summer.

Oregon Poultry Foods and Prices.

In choosing a location for poultry raising the price of feed must be taken into account. Wheat is the principal poultry food on the Pacific Coast. Corn will grow successfully in some sections. Oats and barley yield heavily and of good quality in most sections of the state. Eastern Oregon is one of the best wheat sections of the United States, and there are few, if any, sections where wheat is lower in price than here. In this as well as in other respects, Eastern Oregon offers an inviting field for the production of eggs and poultry. Alfalfa is very successfully grown in Eastern Oregon, and is one of the best green feeds for poultry. It is also grown in Western Oregon to a limited extent. Vetch is more largely grown for hay in the Willamette Valley. It is sown in the fall and may be cut early in the spring for green feed, and it may be pastured by the chickens in the winter. In the Willamette valley kale is largely grown as a green feed for winter. Nowhere in the country is it more successfully grown than here. Kale planted in the spring or early summer will furnish excellent green feed in the fall and all winter. In our mild, open climate it continues to grow during the winter and it is greatly relished by poultry as well as cows. The dairyman depends largely on kale in winter. As much as 40 tons of green kale per acre can be grown. It is not uncommon to get heads to weigh 25 to 35 pounds. In feeding to poultry a head is hung up in the yard where they can eat it at will, or the chickens may be allowed to run in the kale patch. Green feed, therefore, may be cut the year around in Western Oregon and to the practical poultryman this solves a very troublesome problem in feeding. In Eastern Oregon where the fowls have the run of an alfalfa patch no other green food is necessary. In winter the dry or cured alfalfa will furnish all demands for a bulky green food, and the climate of that section makes possible the curing of alfalfa in a perfect condition.

The Markets.

Climate, soil and prices of feed have each something to do with the profits of poultry keeping; but a poultryman is largely at the mercy of the markets; in other words, his profits are dependent largely upon the prices received for the product. We have as good a climate as can be found in the United States, we have as good soils and as cheap feed as any other state, and we have excellent markets. The best markets in the United States are in the Pacific states.

Eggs sold in Portland at wholesale as high as 55 cents a dozen during the past winter. The lowest price during the past spring was 22 cents. At the present time (fall of 1910) the Oregon Experiment station is receiving \$22.50 for two-case shipments at wholesale, 30 dozen in a case. They are retailing at 45 cents a dozen in Portland. In another month we expect to be receiving about 45 cents a dozen wholesale. At such prices, if a hen gets busy she will pay for her year's feed bill in a month. But of course all hens do not get busy when prices are high, but it is often the fault of the poultryman that they do not. It is a combination of good hens and a good poultry keeper that is needed to make the good profit.

Why are eggs so high in price in Oregon? This question is frequently asked. It isn't hard to answer. There are two reasons. First, the population of the state is increasing faster than the supply of poultry products. Although more attention is being given to poultry keeping and the production of poultry and eggs is yearly increasing, the rapid increase in population keeps the demand greater than the supply. The other factor that serves to keep the prices high is the Alaska trade. Eggs are higher in price in Alaska than in any other part of the continent, and the development of that country assures high prices in Oregon for all time. While we have Alaska on the north, we have the market of San Francisco on the west and eggs and poultry are consumed and at prices equal to those of New York or Boston, or better.

In spite of the fact that large quantities of eggs and poultry are produced at home, large shipments come into Portland and other cities of the state every year from states east of the Rocky mountains to help supply the demand. Over a hundred carloads of eggs alone, 400 cases in a car, came into the state last year; and this has been going on for years. There is an unlimited market for all the poultry and eggs the poultryman, and more of him, can produce.—James Dryden, in Poultry Raising in Oregon.

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