

MELROSE

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Stafford spent Monday in Gresham visiting Mrs. Lloyd Littlepage.

Jess Stafford and wife spent a few days last week visiting relatives in Portland.

Wm. Stanley is finishing threshing in this locality this week. He is at H. A. Jones' at present.

Mrs. E. A. Stafford and Mrs. H. Wallace visited over Sunday with relatives at Kenton.

W. B. Parsons is shingling the old part of the school house in District No. 16.

Chas. Lord is working at Bridal Veil.

Handling the Fruit Crop

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It is our opinion that we should have more thorough organization. We will have to learn to overlook certain local prejudices. There is not a fruit valley on the Pacific Coast but what can grow splendid fruit of certain varieties. There is room for all of them and the sooner we work in harmony and realize that the reputation of the entire Northwest is our own personal interest, the sooner we will get the best results.

The quicker we come to realize that the fruit is a thing full of life, an organism, which goes through its development in much the same way as an animal goes through its development, the sooner we will improve our methods of handling. The apple, for example, goes through a regular cycle of evolution from bud, flower, green fruit, ripe fruit to a natural breaking down or decay. A very small percentage of the fruit is handled in such a way that it would naturally reach the last stage. This evolution which the fruit goes through is influenced to a certain degree by soil, elevations, methods of culture, methods of irrigation, time of picking, methods used in packing, shipping and storage. If we have the right locality for our fruit it will, within certain bounds, carry through to its proper season. If we are growing Spitzenbergs, for example, and find that they mature in October, we have difficulty in keeping it until Christmas; we have to do one or two things; first, find out whether our methods are proper, and, secondly, determine whether we must eliminate the ripening and grow something that is adapted to the special conditions under which we find ourselves. All things being equal, anything which is done to hurry the development of fruit will probably mean a shorter life. If your winter apples mature early in the fall they will probably not be as long a keeper as the same variety which is raised in a section where it matures considerably later.

All these points I mention, such as soil, methods of irrigation, methods of handling and variety adaptation, are a close relation to our living organism, and must be given careful study if we are to reach the top of the ladder in our fruit growing.

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Cherryville

Dave Douglass and family have returned to Cherryville.

Geo. Odell of Sandy visited in Cherryville Sunday.

H. C. Koffman of Portland visited in Cherryville a few days ago.

Clark W. Corey recently had the misfortune to lose one of his horses through sickness and has now concluded to sell the other.

Mr. Corey is clearing some four or five acres of land along the country road and next fall he intends building a new house.

Mr. Roberts has bought Pete Swan's relinquishment to his homestead.

Vincent Friel spent several days in Cherryville last week.

Frank Stone was up to Wild Cat mountain last week and brought Frank Brown and family down, who had been camping out and picking huckleberries.

Frank Rhodes is back in Cherryville again.

Geo. F. Barringer has just completed a fine well house and is putting up a fine ornamental wire fence around his place. Mr. Barringer has one of the finest summer residences in Cherryville.

Dave Douglass intends building a large new house next fall and we understand that Prof. Geo. B. Cooper will build it.

J. T. Friel, senior, had most all of his oats shocked in the field when late rains came and it has since dried out and he expects the threshing machine soon to thresh out the oats.

Miss Bulah Barringer left for her home in Montavilla last week.

Master Harold and Ernest Graham, who have been visiting their grandfather, Dr. Botkins, left for their home in Montavilla last week to attend school.

Miss Constance Ewing, who has been visiting Mrs. Wm. O. Rugh, left for her home in Portland last week.

Some army officers came from Vancouver Sunday in an automobile and rented camping ground of J. T. Friel Jr., near his hotel for a company of artillery and 400 mules. They will camp at Cherryville on their way to Warm Springs, Indian reservation. Mr. Friel's hotel and store will undoubtedly do a thriving business.

Thos. E. McCabe has recently finished a fine two-story house on his 80-acre ranch and on its slightly elevated location shines as a beacon light to the surrounding country.

L. E. Pridmore has just received patent to his homestead.

Mrs. Ray Murray was suddenly taken seriously ill at Brightwood a few days ago and her sister, Mrs. J. T. Friel, Jr., left for that place last Saturday to see her.

Master L. E. Johnson, who drives the Sandy stage, met with a serious accident last week and fell off of a ladder and broke his arm. Dr. Lupton of Sandy was telephoned for and soon arrived to set the broken arm. The boy is getting along nicely.

William T. Burgess, an English swimmer, after fifteen attempts, swam the English channel last week. He swam in his course a distance of about 60 miles and was in the water over 22 hours. It was 36 years ago that Capt. Mathew Webb accomplished the same feat.

"From Portland to the mountains look out for the Outlook"

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Pleasant Home

School began Monday with three teachers, C. M. Rinehall from Shelbyville, Illinois, as principal, Miss Mahoney, the intermediate and Miss Bessie Osborne of Gresham has the primary room. A good representation of children showed their happy faces, although many have gone to the hop yards. The ninth grade has been added and several who finished school last year have entered the class. At a meeting of the board of directors last week, Mr. Hunter, the music teacher from Portland, who is so well known here was engaged to instruct the children in vocal music, which will be greatly appreciated. Mr. Hunter has taught for years in the Portland schools. The school house, having had the windows moved so the light is better suited for the children, also being painted inside and outside, has the appearance of a new building.

The Dorcas Sewing society met at Mrs. Charles Northlon Saturday afternoon. The young ladies are planning to have an auction sale at the Swedish Lutheran church next Saturday evening, serving coffee and cake afterwards.

The Epworth League gave an ice cream social in the Methodist church, Saturday evening. A splendid program of local talent consisting of songs, instrumental, rounds and recitations were given after which the ice cream was served. Games on the lawn followed, which were greatly enjoyed by all as the young folks realized that this would probably be the last good weather for lawn games for the evening socials.

Mrs. A. C. Sweet of Portland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Newsome, who have moved into M. E. Carpenter's house. Mr. Newsome took charge of the Pleasant Home depot Sunday morning.

Mrs. John Bramhall is able to be up and around again after a severe sick spell.

Laura and Mabel Shipley began high school at Gresham Monday.

The Mt. Hood railroad has put on a 7:55 train to accommodate the school children from here who will go to Portland or Gresham to school each day.

The severe thunder storm Sunday afternoon was a very unusual thing for Oregon but made the eastern people feel at home. The lightning set several trees near here on fire but as the timber was so wet, no damage was caused from it.

Mrs. Shetterly and sons, Carl and Chester, and Misses Arletha Cannon and Jessie Pease have returned from a rainy camping trip at Toll Gate. They report that it has rained for a week and a half in the mountains.

Mrs. Brower led the Epworth League Sunday evening with "The second coming of Christ," as the topic. There being no church services, League was called at 8 o'clock.

The Supply school picnic, which was to have been held last Wednesday in the Kelly Grove, was held in the Grange hall on account of the rain. This is not the first picnic given in September by the people here which was always a failure on account of rain and it is hoped that we may begin planning our next one soon enough to have it next summer before fall weather interferes.

Next Sunday evening will be Rev. Calder's last sermon before conference. Communion services will be observed and all are especially invited to be present. At his services Sunday morning, Rev. Calder gave out the list of officers and committees for the coming year.

Frank Johnson has sold five acres of his farm to Gus Suhelm.

Irene Douglass has returned from Mt. Hood Mineral Springs where she spent the summer. She climbed Mt. Hood the last of August, which was the last good day for climbing this year on account of the heavy rains and snowfall. Four inches of snow fell at the timber line last week and for several days the Merings and Crater Rock were well covered with the snow.

Mrs. Mary Murry has moved into the little house on George Carpenter's place here.

COTTRELL

The ground just east of the Cottrell station is being scraped and prepared for a switch to be put in. This will be convenient for the farmers in hauling their wood and potatoes to the station.

Mrs. Stott and Mrs. Close of Gresham spent last Friday at Gresham.

Miss Pearl Ruezg spent last week with friends and relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Ball has returned from Springwater where she has been visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Ida Holmes and family.

F. Wagner and W. E. Craswell are busily engaged in packing and shipping prunes for the markets.

Troutdale

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Morton and daughter of Chicago visited three days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Grievish.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall and children returned home Wednesday.

Miss Crawford numbered one of the party who went to the hop yards near Forest Grove.

Bella Zimmerman is attending high school in Gresham.

Mrs. Pelton and son from Sellwood visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson, and other relatives last week. Mr. Pelton joined them Sunday and they returned with him.

Mrs. Harry Owen of Fort Townsend, Wash., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Johnson.

George Wilson left for the hop fields Saturday.

Miss Nelly Fox visited the library Monday and reported everything in good condition.

Miss Ross of Latourell Falls was a visitor at the Johnson home last week.

Mrs. Hogue and daughter, Miss Ethel, spent Sunday in Portland.

Mrs. Owen visited with friends in Portland last week and was accompanied home by Miss Thoring of Lent.

C. I. Raker and son, Ellsworth, visited with relatives in Portland Sunday.

Mrs. Allard visited for a few hours at home Sunday. She reports her granddaughter, Allard Moore, in a critical condition.

Miss Hettle Raker of Portland visited friends and relatives here a few days last week.

POWELL VALLEY

Mrs. Alfred Johnson is on the sick list.

John Unis left Saturday for Cour de A'Liene, Idaho, where he will attend college.

Mr. Nystrom has made quite an improvement on his house by giving it a fresh coat of paint.

Mrs. Emanuel Anderson spent a few days in Portland last week visiting her son.

The girls' sewing society will have a sale of articles Saturday evening, September 14 at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Larson visited at J. A. Stafenson's on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Sandstedt will preach at the Lutheran church Sunday, September 17 at 3 o'clock. Sunday school at 2. The young people's program will also be held the same evening at 7:30. Everybody invited to attend.

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