Hood River Glacier.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1895.

The prune number of the Rural Northwest of July 15th is an excellent paper for those engaged in this growing industry of the Northwest. It gives valuable advice and information in regard to curing the fruit to be marketed in a dried state. This is something that concerns the fruit-growers of Hood River. Mr. W. A. Slingerland estimates that our crop this year will amount to eighty tons of green fruit. We have thousands of young trees that will come into bearing in a year or two. It would seem that a fruit-drying establishment, prepared to dry prunes and other fruit, is badly needed here. For the past two years we have shipped our prunes in the green state East, but the returns were very unsatisfactory; in fact, they did not pay expenses of gathering and shipping. It is a leading question with our prune growers to know how to dispose of the crop this year. If they could be evaporated here at home and marketed in the dried state, there would be some show for the producer to realize something. We do not believe it will pay the individual fruit grower to evaporate his own fruit. It is work that every one cannot learn to do properly. With an establishment here that would make a business of evaporating fruit, the work could be done systematically, and every box of dried fruit turned out would be as good as another of the same grade.

There is a good deal of talk going on in the newspapers about the president scheming for the nomination for a third term. We do not believe there is any foundation for these reports. Grover Cleveland may be stronger with the people than his party, but no one knows better than himself that he could not be elected to a third term. No doubt his political enemies would like to see him receive the nomination, knowing that his defeat would be the end of his public career. In his own good time, and in his own way, the president may be expected to set at rest all anxiety in regard to his third-term aspirations. Grover is too long-headed to be caught in a trap of that kind.

Many citizens of Wasco county would like to know why the delinquent tax list is not published. When M. V. Harrison was around last spring collecting delinquent taxes it was stated repeatedly that the list would soon be published, and all who did not pay up would have their property advertised and sold. Some of the richest taxpayers in the county, including bankers, we understand, have not paid their taxes for two and three years. What's the matter with printing the list, according to law?

Great preparations are being made at Louisville to receive and entertain the Grand Army in September. It is expected the gathering of old soldiers will be the largest held since the encampment at Washington, when it is said there were 150,000 in attendance. Gen. H. B. Compson of Huntington, R. J. Hill of Lexington, and W. S. Meyers of The Dalles, are the delegates from Oregon.

The wages of more than a million workmen in the manufactories of the United States have been advanced within the past few months. It can now be claimed by tariff reformers that this is the effect of the Wilson bill, which placed raw materials on the free list, or made reductions in the tariff on articles like iron, coal and lumber.

The attorney general of Texas has rendered an opinion that the state law against prize fighting is valid, and adds that it is the duty of the sheriffs to see that the law is enforced. It is hoped the great state of Texas will be able to prevent the coming fight from taking place within its borders.

The Chronicle says a letter was received in The Dalles one day last week, from outside parties, offering to take $40,000 worth of Wasco county warrants at par, and for a larger amount a premium would be paid. This shows that our credit is good.

Climbing the snow peaks of this country is attended by too little danger to make it attractive. In Switzerland, last summer, 52 persons lost their lives and 13 were seriously injured in climbing the Alps.

Mount Hood Happenings.

MOUNT HOOD, July 16. — Harvesting is the order of the day.

Mrs. Fitch of Chicago is visiting relatives here.

Several of the Mount Hood boys left on Monday of this week for the harvest fields on Tygh Ridge. Among them were Robert and Al Leasure, S. B. Hess, Elmer Gribble, James Wishart and James Cooper.

Captain J. T. Wishart, of a Liverpool merchantman now loading at Portland, was visiting relatives here last week. The captain was highly pleased with Hood River valley. He predicts a great future for the Pacific coast and that Hood River valley will come in for her share of the laurels.

There was an old-fashioned log-rolling at Mr. Wishart's place on Tuesday of last week and a dance in the evening. The men cleared about two acres, and a good time is reported by the young folks. This is the first of the kind in the neighborhood, and we hope it will not be the last.

Frank Ries' team ran away with him last Friday evening, while out driving above the stage company's bridge, throwing him and Miss Pooley out of the buggy. The latter is reported to have received a dislocated shoulder. The front wheels were smashed and the buggy otherwise wrecked. It is rough on Frank, as it is a new rig he bought about two months ago.

Tomlinson Bros. are sawing out 50,000 feet of pine lumber for the Hood River box factory.

G. S. Mann, manager of the Boston Rubber Shoe Co's store at Portland, who has been stopping a few days on his claim above the Mount Hood Stage Co.'s bridge, returned to Portland Saturday.

Judd Fish and wife of the Umatilla house, The Dalles, accompanied by N. J. Sinnott, were visiting relatives here last week. REPORTER.

Ascent of Mount Adams.

The returning mountain climbers, who made the ascent of Mount Adams, or attempted it, commenced to arrive here at noon on the 12th. The strong wind blowing on the mountain made the ascent very difficult, and many turned back. The ascent was begun about 4.30 a. m., and five persons reached the top by 10. The heliograph party remained on the summit six and a half hours. From 10 a. m. to 12.30 Mounts St. Helens, Hood and Rainier were visible, but only the tops. After 12.30 St. Helens was shut off from sight by clouds and smoke, and after 2 p. m. Mount Hood could not be seen. The top of Rainier was in view all the time. No answer was received by heliograph from Rainier or St. Helens, but from Hood came the message, "This is Coolidge," and that was all. The following is the list in order of arrival at the summit, twenty-one gentlemen and three ladies:

1. M. F. Derting, Goldendale.
2. C. E. Rusk, Goldendale.
3. C. H. Sholes, Portland.
4. B. W. Grant, Portland.
5. R. S. Farrell, Portland.
6. Herman Smith, Portland.
7. Edgar McClure, Eugene.
8. T. B. White, Portland.
9. O. J. Clancy, Vancouver.
10. J. O. Foster, Portland.
11. O. Johnson, Portland.
12. Alfred F. Sears, Portland.
13. W. Langille, Hood River.
14. F. E. Bailey, Hood River.
15. C. D. Moore, White Salmon.
16. C. H. Pearson, Trout Lake.
17. R. J. Johnson, Astoria.
18. Miss Della Watson, Hood River.
19. Miss Olive Hartley, Hood River.
20. Roy Slocum, Hood River.
21. L. H. Lamberson, Portland.
22. Charles Michelbach, The Dalles.
23. W. A. Gilmore, Vancouver.
24. Miss Fay Fuller, Tacoma.

All who made the ascent claim it is more difficult than Mount Hood. The descent was made very rapidly by coasting where the snow would allow it; some of the party arriving in camp below the snow line in one hour from the summit.

Plan for Setting Trees.

Sunday last we had the pleasure of visiting the farm of Mr. J. R. Galligan and partaking of an excellent dinner. Mr. Galligan is a practical farmer from the state of Michigan. During his two years residence with his family here he has made substantial improvements upon his 160 acres. He has 30 acres cleared, a large part of which is set to apple trees. His system of setting trees is not common, as we know of but one other orchard in the valley set on the same plan. It is known as the equilateral angle. Though the rows are only 19 feet apart, the trees stand 22 feet apart. We give below an illustration of his plan of setting an orchard:

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By this plan more trees can be set on an acre than by the old plan of setting in squares or right angles. It also gives more room to swing the team around the trees in cultivating the orchard.

Our School.

Last week mention was made of a proposed extension of the course of study in the Hood River school. If the board can carry out their intentions it is a step in the right direction, and should meet with the hearty support of every young person who is sufficently advanced and desires more of an education than is embraced in the common branches as taught in the average district school. Parents who have children of sufficient advancement should see to it that the school has their support and thus build up a strong school at home. With the fine building which the district now possesses and a well defined course of study including the higher branches, Hood River should have a school hardly second to any in the state.

Mrs. Stewart and two children of Walla Walla are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wolfard. Mrs. Stewart is a sister to Mr. Wolfard. The two families will go into camp above the forks of Hood river next week.

Our Prune Industry.

The American people have not as yet learned how important a place the plum holds in the esteem of the people of other civilized countries. The natural conditions are unfavorable to the production of first-class plums in all parts of the United States except the Pacific coast region. For this reason it is hard for the average American to realize that in Europe the plum ranks next in commercial importance to the apple and the grape.

The varieties of plums which are used for making prunes exceed in commercial importance the other varieties. Upon the Pacific coast are found congenial natural conditions for the growth to perfection of the fine European plums and prunes which make this kind of fruit so important a branch of the fruit industry. In Southern Oregon we have climatic conditions conforming very closely to that portion of France which produces the highest grade of French prunes. The climatic conditions of Oregon and Washington generally are quite similar to those of the great prune-producing countries of Europe.

The production of prunes upon a large scale in the Pacific northwest has commenced. The total acreage of prunes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho is now about 50,000, and within five years a crop of 100,000,000 pounds of cured prunes may be anticipated. California will turn out as many or more prunes. The fact that the aggregate output from the coast states will soon reach double the amount now consumed in the United States leads to apprehension on the part of some growers that there will be no market for the prunes produced in a few years.

On the other hand it is believed that the result of placing first-class prunes upon the market at a low price will be to enormously increase the consumption. No "business" grower anticipates other than low prices for the bulk of the prunes produced. It is anticipated that when consumers can get from six to ten cents a pound prunes which equal in quality those which have hitherto sold at from twenty to thirty cents a pound, the consumption will be enormously increased.

The evaporated prunes of the Pacific northwest are a new article in the market. They are unlike any other prunes. The process of curing in evaporators makes such a difference in the character of the fruit that the same variety of prunes when cured by the "cooking" process in France, by sun-drying in California and by evaperators in Oregon or Washington, appear to be three distinct varieties.

While the distinct and novel character of our prunes is an obstacle to their introduction, from the fact that dealers and retailers are afraid of an unknown article, yet we confidently anticipate that when the trade and consumers become familiar with our evaporated prunes they will be preferred to the sun-dried prunes of California, as those prunes are preferred to "cooked" prunes of Europe.

The prune growers of the Pacific northwest claim that their prunes are naturally the most highly flavored of any prunes which are dried, that they are the only evaporated prunes of consequence upon the market, that evaporated prunes are as superior to sun-dried prunes as evaporated peaches or apples are to the sun-dried, and are the most healthful and relishable prunes which can be obtained.—Rural Northwest's Prune Number, July 15th.

Residence Burned.

Thursday, at 2 o'clock, the residence of Mr. Price, living on the place of his step-son, Hon. T. R. Coon, was discovered to be on fire, and in a short time was entirely consumed. Mr. Coon was on the east side of the river, at M. V. Rand's place, at the time, and when he discovered the fire, hurried to town and a party of men went out with him to the burning house, but before they reached there it was burned down. Most of the furniture was saved. The fire is supposed to have caught on the roof from sparks from the chimney.

A Midnight Attack.

Ten years ago rattlesnakes and skunks were a "holy terror" in Hood River. Every lady and gentleman who came here to rusticate was in such mortal terror that, like a certain reverend who used to summer here, they would buy a bottle of whisky of Dr. Adams as a "preventive" before going into camp. Snakes and skunks have almost disappeared. The pole-cat family, however, is not altogether ex-*stinked*. Last Wednesday night, at Paradise farm, Dr. Adams was waked from a profound slumber by his wife saying, "Something is among the chickens." A favorite hen with twelve joyful chickens (as Virgel says of the "twelve joyful swan") hatched out from superior eggs got of a neighbor, was sitting on the ground near the house. The doctor arose from a sick bed, seized his shotgun and rushed out, followed by Mrs. A. carrying a lamp. Mrs. A. pointed at something in the brush, saying, "There it is! there it is!" The doctor fired twice but hit nothing but moving leaves, which he imagined was some live thing. About this time the young doctor, the hero of the cow episode, appeared on the scene in his night dress. The doctor senior sent him back for more ammunition; but before his return the skunk appeared in open ground, and the doctor senior picked up a board, charged upon the skunk and struck him over the back. The skunk gave up the ghost. In striking the skunk the doctor strained his back, which has long disabled him, and fell to the ground in the most excrutiating agony. It took his wife half an hour to lead him to the house and place him on the bed. She gave him such treatment as enabled him next morning to get out of bed. The doctor says he thinks he will pull through if he retains his present physician.

The Telegram kicked because any place within a radius of 200 miles of Portland celebrated. People who went to Portland to be entertained are wishing they had gone into the back park at home and spent the entire day fasting and kicking themselves with a patent kicker. — Vancouver Independent.

Many a man goes away from home for a week and imagines that he is missed by the whole community, and when he comes back he finds that there isn't a person in town that knew he had been away.—Riddle Enterprise.

While the editor is away on a vacation for a few days some of our "new women" are at liberty to take his place who will be given plenty of scope to burn up the men and the editor as well. The only condition, they must wear bloomers.—Troutdale Champion.

W. H. Turner, the missing Goldendale man, was found last week at Rufus, Oregon, and taken home in a demented condition. Turner imagines it is many years since he was in Goldendale, and talks as Rip Van Wrinkle did after his twenty years' absence.

A carpenter named McDonald, while under the influence of liquor, shot and wounded two men in a saloon in The Dalles Sunday morning. Fred Brodson was shot through the fleshy part of the leg and a man named Hogan received a ball in the back. Both men were cared for by Dr. Hollister and the sheriff took charge of McDonald, who is now in the county jail.

The first carload of peach plums will be shipped from The Dalles, July 21st.

John Hawthorn, the Dalles boy convicted of shooting the Indian, Carpolis, was sentenced by Judge Bellinger to five years in the penitentiary and a fine of $100.

It is said that apple trees grafted on the Northern Spy root are proof against wooly aphis.

Editor Jackson of the East Oregonian persistently urges that protection and free coinage naturally go together—are part and parcel of the same policy. In this he has eminent support in the Philadelphia American, edited by the well-known writer, Wharton Barker. But here the two celebrated men part company—Jackson is against both protection and free coinage, while Barker holds aloft a banner with the motto, "Bimetalism and Protection." Barker is the more widely celebrated man, but Jackson may have the more level head. —Sunday Welcome.

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