

CORRESPONDENCE.

ODELL.

With the passing of the Fourth of July, the spirit of patriotism in the hearts of true Americans runs high. The music of the band and the popping of firecrackers in the hands of the small boy tends to heighten it and it is well that it should be thus, and it always will be, for the love of country is akin and next to the mother's love.

Most of our people who did not attend a public celebration took their families and lunch baskets and went to the falls, or to some quiet spot in the depths of the forest and spent a quiet, pleasant day.

The writer of these notes and wife received the sad intelligence last Friday of the death of a dear sister in Yamhill county, and taking the morning train in company with Brother Troy Shelley arrived at the house of mourning late in the evening. Our sister, Mrs. Mary L. Sitton, widow of N. K. Sitton who died about two years ago, was a pioneer of 1848 and spent her whole life on the border. When the funeral hour came on Sunday at 11 a. m. there were over 70 carriages carrying friends and relations, who accompanied the remains to the last resting place on a hill overlooking the valley of North Yamhill. Mrs. Sitton was a devoted mother as well as a devout christian, as was demonstrated in her every day life and attested by scores of relations and friends during the last sad parting hours. Rev. C.oberg and A. J. Hunsaker of McMinnville officiated. The floral offerings were profuse and of the choicest varieties, being presented by loving hands from different points in the state. There were children present from three different families: her own, those of her first husband, James L. Laughlin, and those of her second husband and first wife, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Sitton, and five children being the fruit of the second marriage with N. K. Sitton. Then there were grandchildren and great grandchildren, all anxious to pay a last tribute of love to the memory of one whose whole life work had been a work of love and sacrifice. No more fitting monument could be reared over the grave of any one than was manifested on this occasion, and as an unworthy brother we pause and drop a tear over the bier, containing one who was both mother and sister to us, as well as mother to my motherless little ones during the last decade. There are left of the Shelley family, which was Mrs. Sitton's maiden name, four brothers and two sisters, whose hearts are shadowed with grief as follows: Hon. J. M. Shelley of Eugene, Rev. Troy Shelley and Roswell Shelley of Hood River, and Rev. R. L. Shelley of Monticello, Wash. Mrs. John Somerville of Edmondton, Ala. North-west Territory and Mrs. Walter Houston of Harrisburg, Or. There are 14 heirs representing the Laughlin and Sitton families, representative citizens of a respected and honored pioneer family, to share the large inheritance of their honored parents. F. W. Sitton has been named sheriff of Yamhill county. The three older half brothers are farmers and stock raisers, as well as a younger one. The widow of Charles E. Sitton, the oldest son of N. K. Sitton, and who died several years ago, was present to lend sympathy to the bereaved ones. Charles E. Sitton was an old resident of Portland and for years was connected with the Sitton Bros. company, and there. Mrs. Sitton is prominently connected with good work. She is president of the board of directors in the school district and president of the baby home on the East Side.

Perhaps there is an apology due your readers for such an extended notice as the above, but the only one I offer is that such lives make up a large part of the history of dear old Oregon, and consequently should be carefully guarded in our memory as citizens of our fair and progressive state.

The spring crops in the valley of the Willamette are exceedingly short on account of the absence of rain during the spring season, but what the country looks good to one who has spent the best portion of his life there. Notwithstanding it was a sad message that called us back, yet to walk over the same consecrated places of childhood, the same old meadows fragrant with the new-mown hay, to linger and listen to the music of the peaceful waters of the same old brook, then looking upward and beyond the evergreen hills to the silent, towering, grand, snow-capped sentinels pointing upward, piercing the very heavens, pointing us to that place beyond and above all earthly troubles, where our tears are dried and where the scales are justly balanced. To one whose early life was spent in Oregon, and who has been called to other places for years and then returns to the old haunts, there is an indescribable fellowship in the grand old mountains as well as the valley scenes. There is an inspiration in all of these uplifting scenes that must be felt for it is beyond the power of the pen or artist's brush to describe. The pioneer of Oregon is a great honored in life and his memory cherished after death, for his bravery and courage in paving the way to the splendid achievements that Oregon is today transmitting to the native sons.

R. J. Tucker, who is connected with the Oregon Lumber Co., and resides at Ingalls, Or., was out at his place one-half mile south of the Little White Store, last Tuesday, looking over his ranch with a view of making it his future home. His father, H. B. Tucker, has demonstrated beyond question that apple growing pays.

Robert E. Harbison and family called at the Little White Store the fourth of July, returning from a trip to Willow Flat and Duke's Valley. Although Mr. Harbison has spent years in Hood River valley, it was his first trip to Duke's Valley. He is thoroughly imbued with the thought that it is a great privilege to be permitted to live in Hood River valley. Mr. Harbison gave us a good report of his brother Sam, who owns a large farm in Linn county near Tazewell.

Hay is turning out well and the prospective price is all that could be expected.

Prof. V. V. Willis, who has been employed as principal in the Odell school, has about made up his mind to purchase a small tract of land near here and build a house before school opens. The professor, like all men who study the conditions here, has sufficient faith in the country to cast his lot with us. We welcome all such.

William and Harry Dodson of Duke's Valley, who have been working all spring for the Oregon Lumber Co., spent the fourth here with old friends.

D. L. Davidson of Willow Flat reports a fine catch of trout in Hood river above the Mount Hood bridge. Hood River furnishes her own refrigerator and turns out an excellent quality.

DUKE'S VALLEY.

Some of our young men are talking of going to Sherman county harvest fields to work. Better stay in the val-

ley, boys, you will find plenty of work here.

The hot weather of last week caused us to rest on our fork handle and look longingly toward Mount Hood.

J. O. Cameron started his hay press last week, and is turning out baled hay at a great rate.

Nearly all of our young people spent their Fourth at Mount Hood. Everyone reported a good time.

Ed Johnson spent Sunday visiting in the valley.

Miss Ruby Chandler of Crapper was visiting friends in our valley last week.

W. H. McClellan is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. T. Dodge.

W. C. Dodge's mare that was reported lost or strayed away, was seen passing through Mosier, probably on her way to DeMoss Springs, Sherman county, where she was raised.

MOSIER.

The Glorious Fourth has come and gone! There being no celebration here most of our people spent the day quietly, in small parties, by going back into the hill country. Some celebrated in Hood River, some few went to The Dalles, and so far as we have heard, everyone came home satisfied. During the evening one could see the sky rocket and Roman candle lighting up the heavens. We heard of one instance where the supply of fireworks was kept near the scene of action and became prematurely discharged, causing a little excitement for a short time and depriving the party of the pleasure of firing one by one.

Your correspondent with a small party spent the day on the headwaters of Mosier creek. Having the crack fishermen of the country in the party we fished the speckled beauties until all were satisfied, and during the evening we had our own fireworks, where we spent the time exploding fireworks. If you want to spend a pleasant day try Mosier creek, near the ranch of Gerald Wynn, one of nature's best spots.

As we are late in getting out our notes, this week, we will pass over the personal and other important items until some future time.

UNDERWOOD.

Underwood was well represented at Hood River on the Fourth.

Eliza Huff went to Portland to spend a week's sight seeing.

Mrs. Luthy made a flying trip to Carson, Friday.

Charley Brown of Rossin, B. C., an uncle of A. J. Haynes, made relatives here a short visit last week.

A postoffice inspector made the trip to Chenoweth with the mail carrier Thursday, and returning, took the steamer for White Salmon.

Mrs. E. S. Davidson and children and her brother, C. H. Brown, and niece, Miss Fanny Haynes, left for Portland Friday to spend the Fourth and visit the carnival.

E. C. Goodard and party came up Tuesday night from Portland to spend a few weeks at Acorn Lodge.

Miss Fannie Haynes is in Portland, visiting her grandmother and friends.

Oph Brown and wife moved to The Dalles from Chenoweth, Tuesday.

Mrs. Hill, wife of Chenoweth's postmaster, went to The Dalles, Tuesday night, to visit friends.

J. M. Springs went out with Mail Carrier Haynes, Tuesday night, to look at some land in that neighborhood.

C. H. Cronwell has been secured to teach the Underwood school the coming term.

A dance of the hall at Chenoweth is said to have been a great success the night of the Fourth. A large delegation was over from Mill A.

Fishing parties are numerous these days. The catch up the Little White Salmon on the day of the Fourth is said to have been 1,800.

Fred Lathy, Will Wheeler and Phil Finley went up Mill creek, Sunday, and returned with 300 trout.

BELMONT.

F. G. Church has built an addition to his house and painted it. He also has a new windmill.

J. B. King made a flying trip to Spokane and returned Friday.

James Morgan went to Salem last Friday and returned home Tuesday.

The Misses Stella and Carrie Brown and Laura Hattie returned to their home in The Dalles Saturday after spending strawberry season at the Keystone fruit ranch at Belmont.

Mosses, Herman and Davis went to Portland to spend the Fourth.

Talk about your fakin! The worst one that ever visited Belmont was one that came last week, when an old man with a gray beard, and driving a gray horse, went from house to house selling a shoe polish called Leatherine. At one place he sold some for a fifty cent bottle. After he had left the man undertook to shine his shoes but failed to have enough to shine them both. The man, after examining the bottle found that it was a pasteboard box with a small one inside, and between the two bottles were seven pasteboard wads made of a shoe box, and the bottle was only half full.

Miss Pearl Eby is going to Portland this week to attend school.

Ernest Blaylock and John Eakin came down from Grass Valley to spend the Fourth in Hood River.

M. H. Nickelson went to Portland on business Monday.

Alfred Blaylock arrived Saturday from Linnton and will spend a few days with his friends in Belmont.

PINE GROVE.

Charles Boardman and wife of Sherman county are visiting at the parental, D. G. Boardman, home. Charley reports excellent prospects for good crops in his county.

Miss Irene Sproat is here for vacation, but will return to her studies at Corvallis this fall.

Hay balers are much in evidence these days, making almost house to house stops, as almost every farmer is raising more or less. Since C. R. Bone commenced to supply the East Side with irrigation water two years ago this portion of the valley has made rapid progress toward supplying all the forage needed. Mr. Bone has given the East Side good service, for which we are duly thankful. Next season lateral ditches and pipe lines will be completed which will be abundantly able to supply all of this side of the valley, and in a few years—perhaps sooner—we confidently expect to see enough cows grazing on clover and alfalfa fields to supply the wants of a fair sized creamery, thereby enriching the meadows and supplying fertilizer for our orchards, as well as filling our pocket books with good money.

At a meeting of the taxpayers of Pine Grove school district held last Saturday evening, it was voted to double the capacity of our already commodious school building. It is the intention to add another story which, when finished,

will relieve the crowded condition of our school has endured for the past school year. The 9th and 10th grades will be added, which ought to give us one of the best schools in the county. Three teachers will be employed.

Wm. Boardman and family are visiting in the valley, having come down from Eastern Washington about ten days ago.

Mr. Marshall and wife were in Portland for the Fourth.

Mr. Wills, Fike and Earl Newman were in Portland on business and pleasure the first of the week.

George Robinson is building an addition to his residence and otherwise improving his property. Perry Wells is doing the carpenter work.

An unusual amount of good work has been done on our roads this season. The big hill at the west approach to the river bridge has cut down the town hill until it is no longer the terror of teamsters with heavy loads. The horse trough placed against the cliff at that point is also a fine thing and it is to be hoped that its waters will never be allowed to dry up. The steep pull at the Reynolds place is now being diminished by means of a widened and elevated grade to the foot. The graveling of the long East Side grade, which was made possible by our special road tax, is a most satisfactory piece of work. It may "squash" a little during the rainy season, but the foundation for a permanent good road is laid and repairs will be comparatively inexpensive. The old slough of despond near Sherman Young's place has been made firm with something more substantial than "twenty thousand cart loads of wholesome instructions." The Sears & Porter hills have been graded down and across the ravine elevating some forty or five feet into a heavy layer of gravel over all. Much of this good work is the result of Supervisor Lage's painstaking efforts. A man in Mr. Lage's position who will devote the best part of the season to such a thankless and poorly paid job as that of road-overseer is a patriot of the first rank.

Our county roads, as usual, are crowded with scrub-flock. First class fences are needed to keep the starved brutes out of fields and orchards and if a gate is left open a half minute, some mangy critter dodges through. A herd law is a crying necessity.

The need of another room at Pine Grove school has been apparent for some time and by a vote of eight at the special school meeting last Saturday evening, it was decided to elevate the present building and make a large single room beneath. This will not only make ample school room but will make a fine hall for Christmas trees and other entertainments. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$1300 including all furnishings and a furnace. Money on long time at low interest will be used to cover the cost. Our advancement in school matters since the few short years when the little log school house was the seat of learning is something in which all true Pine Grovers take special pride. Graduation progressions, in our motto and who tries to block the way leading us to still higher and better things will surely be ground in to sausage.

Irrigating water from the East Fork ditch continues to cover new fields every day, and ere long verdant meadows will delight the eye of the wayfarer on all sides. The Hazelwood Creamery Co. of Portland has got an eye on an and hopes to be able to start a cream route here in the near future. When this comes to pass our Jersey cows will take rank alongside of Hood River's famous apples and straw berries as money makers. Those who predict that they will soon be worth only a few cents a ton, are likely to prove false prophets. We know of some Jerseys that are valuable hay all last winter and did not discourage their owners a bit.

It is true, as was mentioned in last week's Glacier, that top-grafted and budded trees have turned out very poorly this season in this section. Cut worms are deserving of a good deal of blame, but they are not wholly to blame for the trouble. It is noticeable that work done by orchardists themselves or by some painstaking neighbor, who did not know any "secrets" is making the best showing. Early August budding or the old style cleft graft tied with a waxed rag are good enough for this section.

Married.

In Hood River, Tuesday, July 5, 1904, Martin Ernestum and Mrs. N. M. Harrell.

At high noon on Saturday, June 2, William E. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Mathews at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Frank Hunsaker, White Salmon, Wash. Rev. J. L. Hershner performing the ceremony. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of Mayville, Or. The bride is a charming young woman and has been engaged in teaching at Mosier and Grass Valley. The newly wedded couple will reside at Mayville, Gilliam county.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the Congregational church on Sunday evening, July 3, when William A. Morgan and Miss Carrie Hunsaker, both of Hood River, were joined in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. J. L. Hershner performed the ceremony. The parents of both the bride and groom are well known and highly esteemed residents of Hood River. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan will reside in our city. May joy, peace and prosperity abide with them.

C. E. Warrens went to Portland, Thursday of last week.

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