

CORRESPONDENCE.

ODELL.

We all have our troubles, and the old saying, "better tell them to a policeman," don't apply here. The newspaper may try ever so hard for a whole year to honestly and faithfully perform his duty, and all of a sudden he finds himself up against it, either for the reason that some of the readers misunderstand the motives that prompt the writer on matters touching the welfare of the community, or inadvertently he neglects to make mention of some little personal affair. Owing to rush of work and lack of facilities for obtaining all the worthy items, perhaps an apology is due. But touching matters of public interest, I hereby serve notice on the readers of Odell district, that I reserve the right to express my opinion on all times, freely, and in doing so hold myself responsible therefor. Take everybody's advice and you will soon be afoot. On this point permit the following quotation: "The discord within that grates so harshly in life's song. 'Tis we, not they, who are at fault when others seem so wrong."

BARRETT.

H. D. Stewart is busy plying the paint brush. He is a good painter and deserves your patronage. A great change is noticed the last few days in M. I. Gibbons' house, as it is receiving three coats of paint. We wonder sometimes if something is going to happen. We notice Tom VanAudelade flying around. He looks several inches taller since he became "daddy." We wish you good luck, Tom. Mrs. E. Ingalls is having her barn filled with baled hay. Fred says they are going to have things well fixed up for winter. We notice some boys on our streets with new bicycles, and it is some as though the bicycle would get more the way they ride it from morning until late in the evening. But, go it boys. Rolla Phelps has returned from the mountains, and thinks he would rather farm than hunt for gold, as it does not pay to mine. The writer had the pleasure of listening to the new pastor at the Valley church. His discourse was interesting and instructive on Sunday morning last. Rockford stop has had an addition put on lately, as a residence for homes and lawn, where they will be kept cool, so you can rely on getting good, fresh hams and bacon.

PARKERTOWN.

Hot? Well I guess it has been for the last few days. Some of the loggers said last Thursday was the hottest day they had ever spent in the woods. A few more small but suggestive fires in the west of the mill brought forth several hundred feet of good fire hose, and now we feel reasonably well protected against fire. Claude Cudaford built an addition onto the blacksmith shop last week and now has quite a good sized shop. The mill did not run Saturday afternoon, which gave part of the mill crew a half holiday. Oscar Gardner, formerly a clerk at Gram's is working at Parkertown. Oscar cut his left foot last week while trimming limbs from a fallen tree. His foot is not seriously injured, but sufficiently so to compel him to lay off a few days. Mr. Thornbury met with what might have been a very serious accident last Saturday morning. He was hauling lumber, and in trying to put on the brake caught his left foot in the rope and gave it a bad sprain. He will be laid up for a few days as a result. Mr. Johns, our new bookkeeper and store manager, is fully installed in his new position, and bids fair to become quite popular and well liked among the "number jacks."

MT. HOOD.

The Davenport Bros. mill shut down last Wednesday indefinitely. Lack of local trade is given as the main cause. Eight passengers went by Chief Cap Inn last Thursday. Last Friday was the hottest day of the summer so far. The illumination of Mount Hood was seen very plain last Monday evening from this part of the valley. W. S. Tower is building a new house on the piece of land that he bought of Robert Leasure last spring. The assessor made a flying trip to this part of the valley last week, but did not stay long. The school house is nearing completion with Prof. Lewis Baldwin as contractor. It is to be completed by September first. School will begin the first of September with Miss Nau Cooper as principal and Miss Thomas as assistant. Bears are very plentiful in this part of the country this year, but cougars are scarce, at least we have not heard of any cougar, which is being torn off so far this year yet. Something unusual. W. A. Orfield and Robert Leasure went in off the mountains and got lost to civilization for a few days. They went for the purpose of getting a new fish and maybe a cougar or two. Of course they don't expect any other game as it is too scarce.

CHENOWITH.

The hills are covered with Indians this week. They came to pick berries but are a little too late. Mrs. George Wise went to Hood River on the Sadie Hill and Elmer Tubbs are going to the mountains. They fish under a shade tree for dry land suckers. Mrs. Nellie Brown and Mrs. Olen passed through Chenowith on their way to Huckleberry mountain. George Fisher and some other folks are here on an outing. R. T. Mills is having some trouble with his heart this warm weather. Mrs. Bennett from The Dalles is a visitor at Mrs. Charlie Tubbs. Alfred Fuller is the champion biscuit maker. He makes biscuits that raises so they have to take the top off the stove to get them out of the oven. Clarence Hill and Elmer Tubbs went fishing Saturday. As Clarence was walking along he rammed his fishing pole into a yellow-jackets' nest. Clarence said they were a little too affectionate. He ran into the water up to his neck and fell down. The yellow boys didn't leave until they had given him a token of remembrance. There was a rag-time dance at mill A Saturday. Everybody enjoyed themselves.

UNDERWOOD.

A pleasant farewell party was given at Mr. Lyon's on Monday evening. William Wendorf was in Underwood last Friday. Mrs. Ed Underwood has returned from her visit to the Cascades. E. L. Davidson left for Portland last week, after spending his vacation with his family on C. H. Cronwell's place. Willie Underwood was the mail carrier last Tuesday. Ed Lyons left for Portland to look up

a place to locate where he can hope for better health. Bert Veitch is to be the new tenant on E. C. Goddard's ranch. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Haynes returned Wednesday from Portland, where they have been to attend the funeral of Mr. Haynes' mother, who died suddenly, July 31, of heart failure. Willie Kellendonk and Fred Luthy spent a few days fishing on Little White Salmon. Mrs. E. L. Davidson and children left Tuesday for their new home near Portland. Mrs. Ed Lyons and children left Tuesday for their new home near Portland. E. C. Goddard is having a few acres slashed along the road on his place. Frank Thornton has the contract. Mr. and Mrs. Wise of Chepowith were visiting in Thorntonville Sunday. Mrs. Olen and Mrs. Brown have made a trip to Huckleberry mountain.

FRANKTON.

Some time ago in our scribbles we mentioned that we were wondering what we would do with all our strawberry money. Things have changed. We are now wondering what we are going to live on this winter. Several of our young nimmers and one of the older ones went over into Washington last week on a fishing and hunting expedition, and when they came home their spoils were like the returns from our berries—nixey. Mrs. Owens, who owns the old Warren place on the state road, has rented her house and fruit ranch to a man by the name of Merrill from near Portland. The moving will be done this week. Mr. and Mrs. John Ehrlich visited friends near their old home Sunday. There is some sickness in the neighborhood. Mrs. McVay has been ailing for several days, and we saw the small-pox flag out on the Columbia Sunday. Carl Larson's baby has been quite sick, but is better now. M. R. Noble, his betterhalf, and their daughter, D. N. Byerlee and wife, Uncle Billy Ellis, wife and daughter, Mrs. Tangle and daughter, were visiting Sunday at Indian Gardens, the home of R. E. Abston. Mr. Abston is one of the old settlers having located here 23 years ago, when about all the improvements that could be seen was what the Indians had done long before. It is said they used to raise geese on this same land, hence the name; but now it is a fine fruit ranch as well. Besides a nice garden he has a fine variety of all kinds of large and small fruits, and he has it in fine shape. We will venture to say that Mr. Abston has done more successful than any man in Hood River valley. E. Shelley Morgan, wife and daughter, Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Hogarth, son and daughter of Portland, who have been camping out at Mr. Morgan's fruit place, returned home on the evening train Sunday. Ignace the Hood River Fruit Fair committee don't know Frankton as we were not given a representative, but we will have our innings when the premiums are distributed.

WHITE SALMON.

James Graves, who came to White Salmon from Oakland, Cal., recently sold his six acres opposite the hotel Washington to Anthony Holda of Butte, Mont.; consideration, \$1,200. Mr. Holda will grow flowers for the wholesale trade. C. E. Waite has about finished a commodious barn on his property. Fox's ice cream parlor is a most popular resort these days. White Salmon people miss the Charles R. Spencer on the river. The family of our merchant, C. M. Wolfard, are rusticated near the falls. Miss Clara Blythe of Hood River is a guest at the camp. The new residence of Mr. Napper is nearing completion. Mr. Napper's 16 acres among the best here. Frank Trosberg is digging for water back of his residence. He says that he can hear whisperings through the bottom of the well that make him think he will soon strike the place. Danie wrote above. Mrs. Garrison will soon depart for Oakland, Cal., where he will resume his theological course. White Salmon wants a county commissioner nominated from among her citizens. J. F. Egan is the man and the republican voters believe his nomination will strengthen the ticket and be a just recognition of the growing importance of our locality. White Salmon is enjoying unusual warm weather. The new school house will soon be completed. This will be a building of which White Salmon and vicinity can justly be proud. The tourist travel to Trout Lake is unusually heavy. Each day the stages are loaded with people and baggage. The Hotel Washington is now under construction, and in a few weeks will be opened to the public. The Hotel Washington in service and location will surpass any hotel along the Columbia. But few Salmonites took advantage of the excursion to the Looka Sunday. Our genial friend, B. C. Hamilton of Trout Lake, was with us last week. B. C. still wears that smile that won't wear off. 'Tis a well known fact that no one is guilty until proven so. This statement is applicable to White Salmon. We are sick-sars of the fact that we present a very unimpressive appearance from the opposite side of the river; that nothing but a steep and rugged cliff is to be seen. But in a few days the hill and the view changes. We have a little village here that has grown and increased tenfold in the last year, and is continuing to grow. We can show you that there is a future for White Salmon. We can prove to you that we have a country back of us that in resources compares with, if not exceeds any valley along the Columbia river. Don't let us pass up what the idea, my friend, that we live on dried salmon like a swish, or that we have fish scales on us because our name is White Salmon. We are on the right side of the irrigating ditch, and we know it.

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