

THEY ENJOY LIFE IN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Cal., August 31, 1904.—Editor Glacier: In behalf of the Hood River delegation now in California, I take pleasure in sending you the photograph presented herewith. I took it last Sunday at the residence of W. P. Watson, at Long Beach. He has a beautiful home, surrounded with all of the tropical flowers and plants known to Southern California. R. R. Erwin is quite busy, getting his family, located, but he says he is getting lazy like all the rest of the people in this place.

M. A. Cook has a pretty place near Mr. Watson's. He also has a variety of fruit and vegetables on his place. One thing so noticeable is the large number of tourists. Every day seems like a holiday. I have been on a vacation and spent most of my time at Long Beach. Every day the estimate of the visitors varied from 1000 to 2500.

We have had 40 days of very warm weather. All the old timers say it is the hottest summer since '79. I think they have so much of this torrid atmosphere, that the brain becomes saturated with the heat, which also affects the memory. They forget the same as the mossbacks about the last winter, but as far as I am concerned, I don't like this country in the summer time. The winters, what I saw of them, are fine. Now about fruit and vegetables. Oregon can skin this country alive. Their main apple is the Bellefleur, and I understand the crop is very short this year. One merchant said the price would go past \$2 per box very soon.

The strawberries are not of a good quality, and full of sand, caused by flooding them in irrigation. I have found very few good potatoes; they seem to be spungy, also other vegetables such as carrots, cabbage, horseradish, and especially the little radishes are stringy and pithy. But they grow anything here, and in abundance, that is, if they have water, and that is somewhat of a problem as yet.

One man told me he had one acre of land planted to cucumbers for pickle purposes. He said that his wife and two daughters, a son and four hired men picked pickles day and night for 10 days, and when they were through there was a carload of cucumbers gone to seed that they could not handle.

Another man said that James Hill & Son have paid him \$300 here if they would quit bringing pickles, as they could not handle all of the crop they had contracted for. But I think some of these farmers will wake up some day and get a hard fall. Anyway, the only system is to irrigate and keep at it.

The railroads here, as has been demonstrated by floods the past 10 days. Cloudbursts seem to be popular, quite fashionable in Southeastern California and Western Arizona, causing great loss of property and some lives. I often think of Hood River, and some sweet day, and by and by, you may see me upon your streets again.

on the Fair Grounds that the Board has anything to do with. On this will come off the Lewis and Clark Stake, a for \$2000 purse for 2:17 trotters.

Friday, September 16—Children's Day. When all the Children in Marion county including the Indian Training School at Chemung, the Reform School and school children, will be admitted free.

Saturday, September 17—Closing Day. The Rural Spirit Stake \$1000 purse for 2:11 trotters; also the consolation race in Lewis and Clark Stake will be run off. Premiums will be paid and in the evening a good program will be on in the pavilion.

McElroy's Band, of Salem, has been engaged and good music is assured. The evening entertainment during the week will be the best money can purchase and a good time is guaranteed all who may attend.

GOOD CROPS IN SHERMAN COUNTY

Jack Nealeigh returned Thursday afternoon after putting in 28 days in the harvest fields of Sherman county, where he was employed the greater part of the time on the farm of Billy Jackson, son of F. M. Jackson of the East Side.

Jack reports the crops in Sherman county very good. Mr. Jackson threshed about 2000 sacks. Last week wheat was selling at 68 cents. Those farmers who stayed with it during the years of depression in the wheat business have come through all right, says Jack, and most of them are now in a position to get rich.

Horses are a good price in Sherman county says Mr. Nealeigh, but cattle and hogs are about half the price they were rated at here. He says a good cow can be purchased there for \$25. Pigs are relatively as cheap. Mr. Nealeigh had bargained to bring a half dozen shots back with him, but he says the Columbia Southern railroad demanded such an exorbitant freight rate that he could not afford to make the purchase.

That railroad has a sinch, he says, and is working the monopoly racket to the full limit. He says he may return during the week, as wages are good in that county, and threshing is expected to continue until the first of November. Jack says he runs across Hood River boys every day or so. The heavy rain of last Saturday night brought a light shower there Sunday afternoon.

More Rain is Needed. The weekly crop bulletin for August 30, reports crop conditions in Oregon as follows: Favorable temperatures prevailed during the week, which was dry up to the evening of the 27th, when cloudiness increased and showers and thunderstorms occurred nearly everywhere in the northern portion of the state. The rains were rather light in the valleys, but fairly good amounts fell in the foothills and mountains. These rains cleared the atmosphere of smoke and were beneficial to late crops, but more rain is needed for potatoes, gardens and pasturage.

LAGE HAS MADE SOME GOOD ROADS

"What would we have done for a road into town this summer had it not been for that special tax the people of Pine Grove levied last winter?" remarked Supervisor Hans Lage as he dropped into the Glacier office last Saturday to tell the devil his hot shot at the little Dalles newspaper was greatly appreciated by himself and neighbors.

"That special tax produced \$104," continued Mr. Lage, "and all of it was used in repairing the East Side grade, the piece of road that last winter was absolutely impassable, and for awhile compelled the rural carrier to suspend the service. I expected the property tax to return at least \$300 additional, but instead it produced but \$150. This was just about half enough to make the other needed repairs in the district."

"The Sears hill was put in good shape, and one or two other places repaired, but with about \$150 more we could have repaired the Kennedy hill, the clay hill in front of Sherman Young's and the hill at Carter's. The poll tax turned about \$200. The fact that it was used in repairing the East Side grade, the piece of road that last winter was absolutely impassable, and for awhile compelled the rural carrier to suspend the service. I expected the property tax to return at least \$300 additional, but instead it produced but \$150. This was just about half enough to make the other needed repairs in the district."

"If it hadn't been for the special tax, the road up the East Side grade, with all the heavy hauling that has been done this summer, would have been badly cut up that it would be wholly impassable. The Tucker hill is not in the shape to stand any of this heavy hauling, and we people of the East Side would have been unable to come to town, except we came afoot."

The East Side grade is now in splendid shape. Some of the gravel has rolled off into the ditching on the side, but Mr. Lage says this will be replaced before the winter rains, and a few of the worn places on the road will be replaced with four-horse wood teams over this grade is something immense. The heavy loads are taken down the hill, and with the brake dragging the hind wheels of the wagon, the wear and tear on the road is very great. The fact that the road has withstood the heavy hauling this summer shows the work of Supervisor Lage to have been well done.

There was only one mistake in the repairing of this road this spring, says Mr. Lage, and that was the placing of fine gravel on the road bed. This gravel has all been ground to dust and did nothing toward making the road any better.

It has been suggested that oil placed on this grade would help to preserve the good work and make the bed impervious to the heavy winter rains.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing, being J. F. Lamar and J. H. Groves, under the firm name of Lamar & Groves, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Groves & Co., all accounts due said Lamar & Groves will be collected by the said Lamar & Groves, who will also pay all liabilities contracted by them.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 23, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, John H. Farr, of the county of Gilliam state of Oregon has sworn statements No. 217, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 and lots 2 and 4 of section 23, in township 5 north, range No. 9 east W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 27th day of October, 1904.

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