

**ODELL**  
**SEES IMPROVEMENTS**  
**IN UPPER VALLEY**

By Roswell Shelley.  
Odell, East Hood River Valley, May 30.—The mecca of our last observation trip through the country was the Mount Hood bridge, on the Cloud Cap Inn road. The day was an ideal one. All Nature, cloaked with freshness and beauty, extended her glad hand.  
Lunch over, we seated ourselves upon the green grass-plot beneath spreading oaks and lulled by the music of the restless river, together with the noise of the faithful horse as he hit the tender blades of grass, or switch the flies, we quite forgot ourselves for the moment, and as we peered above us through the green leafy trees into the matchless sky above, the dreamland thought came to us. But the reality is good enough. We are glad it is not a dream.  
The fragrance of the flowers and the rippling of the water is like the laughter of children, and we wander back through memory's lane to the dear old haunts of childhood. Oh! those precious days that were free from guile, when life was one glad song. While those days will never come back to us, yet 'tis comforting to know that some hearts never grow old, and although the hair is grey and the step becomes feeble, yet if we do not resist it, there will always be a responsive chord in the heart that is touched and quickened by those tempting baths in nature, that if followed leads us into the mysteries of the forest and away from the things that so vex and annoy us in the thick-est of the battle of life. Applying this to life, may we not finally march valiantly across the battle field of life and then reach the plain of victory?  
Almost a year had elapsed since we had been in the Mount Hood section, and in many places along the road we note substantial improvements, as well as the development of land.

Notably among these are the following: Mr. Dumas, who has built a modern house and substantial barn, and leased the old improvements and land to V. V. Willis. Mr. Bush, who has a part of the Frobenberg place, has shown his faith in that section by clearing, improving and planting to trees and berries quite a tract. He has made a wonderful improvement in the appearance of the place since moving there. Dr. Shaw, with his log cottage, with shingle gables and dormer windows, and a fine young orchard, which is planted to berries, has one of the nicest places along the line. The premises are neat and well kept, while the plan of the house is novel and picturesque. Dr. Shaw's enterprise is worthy of imitation. Mr. Larwood has cleared the timber in front of his house, which looks cozy and homelike.  
With an electric line looping the valley and covering the Mount Hood country, that portion of the valley will develop rapidly and land will double in value. Hood River valley is surely destined to be a valley of independent homes that will soon be the envy of all the northwest. And why? Because the quality of its products justify it.  
We found the roads smooth and nice all the way to the bridge, which is the result of good work on the part of road supervisor, Jake Lenz. The work done last year tells now, for it did not require the work this season that was done last year. A good road supervisor should be retained indefinitely, for good roads are a good advertiser for any community.  
Last week the score of 1 to 11 in favor of the Bulldogs, as published in the Glacier, should have read 10 to 11. Please give Odell 9 more. They need them this season.  
The Odell brothers, R. S. Shelley and William and Lane Kemp are all at work for the Dead Point Development Co. A large spring is being tapped there that will lead water over quite an area of good land, which will be reclaimed and prove valuable.  
Strawberry picking about Odell is just beginning, and by the end of the week this section and Willow Flat will be alive with pickers. The prospect for quality of the berry was never better.

The Bone & Woods saw mill in Duke's Valley is running on full time, turning out fine lumber that will soon convey irrigating water to Odell. The advent of the water will prove a red letter day for this neighborhood.  
Clare Crockett left last Saturday for Shanley. He will probably spend the summer there.  
The real estate department of the Little White Store offers one of the best bargains in the valley on an 80-acre tract of land eleven miles out, abutting on the Mount Hood road. It has 3 1/2 trees, part bearing this season; a fine meadow and good improvements. Part of the land is under the ditch. Small cash payment; balance easy terms. It will actually pay you to fall down over some one to get to this bargain first.  
C. R. Bone is a busy man these days. He seems to hold the key to the situation on the East side, for when he presses the button that turns on the water the land produces.  
Last Sunday being pleasant brought many people on the pike, going to and returning from the falls and up and down the Mount Hood road. The fine condition of the roads at present is an inducement for people to take a drive.  
Dr. Johnson, an old friend of Dan Smith, is here from Illinois. He is much pleased with our valley and intends buying land for his son, who will move out here. In this vicinity land is cheap compared with the land more favorably situated near town. There is plenty of good apple land south and west of Odell which can be bought for \$25 and up, and not far from Odell, the hub of East Hood River valley.  
It will pay strangers to look this way before purchasing.  
The systematic and thorough development work at Willow Flat during the past three years is now speaking for itself. The hot air period has passed. On the Flat and in this section more than 100 acres of potatoes have been planted in the young orchards, and it is now up to us to seek a spud market outside the valley.  
The Little White Store has two or three tons of hay for sale. They also have natural ice for sale, made from

pure spring water. This ice is delivered to the Chas. Davis place.  
We are having a good time entertaining friends who will soon visit us. Most everybody about here is J. M. McDonald tells me he is looking for friends from the East, and in order to be the first in the valley to bring record and he wears the honors gracefully.  
Archie Anderson held the ribbons on the Odell Bros. heavy weight team Sunday afternoon and drove down from Dead Point to Odell in one hour. Archie has the best driving record and he wears the honors gracefully.  
The Odell boys are up to date. They attend the town theaters; eat 12 o'clock oyster suppers, and get home in time to work next day.  
Horse trading is again in order. Last week John Krogger, Jas. English and J. W. McDonald were all doing business along that line. The railroad graders furnished the horses to start the horse race in the valley. Robinson interested McDonald in the business. There is nothing like the horse trading business, for invariably each fellow makes money.  
Harry Kemp, the village blacksmith, and expert trout catcher, in company with O. M. DeWitt and family, spent last Saturday on the river about the falls, entertaining the funny tribe. Mr. DeWitt resides on the hill east of Mill creek. He is an ex-soldier, having been in the Philadelphia service. They enjoyed the day immensely. This was the initial trip of many a pleasant outing during the season.  
W. W. Jackson, who recently purchased 80 acres of land from Harry Kemp, was up from Portland Sunday and made arrangements to have a lot of fruit trees, who live in Michigan, are coming over this fall to take up their residence on this place. And still they come.  
We miss our old friends from Viento very much, and the vacant houses look so lonely! We hope they will soon be filled with good, lively families, to help us to make life pleasant.  
Our school commenced Monday, after a short vacation on account of the inability to secure a teacher as soon as expected to fill the place of Miss Ida Wright, who had to leave to assist her father in overseeing their large strawberry crop.  
As we write we do not forget that this is the day in which we should all try to spend at least a few hours in caring for our beloved dead by beautifying their graves. We think of the distant, lonely graves, and wonder if some one will reverently place a flower there.  
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PINE GROVE  
Miss Marion Sprout of Pine Grove has been the guest of Miss Beale Riddell at The Dalles, during the past week.  
Miss Edith Harrison of Vacaville, Calif., spent the past week at the home of her mother, R. E. Harrison. She returned to her home in Portland, Wednesday, when at her sister's, the Lewis and Clark fair she will visit her uncle at Tangent, Ore., and then return home.  
Irrigating water is abundant these days and as usual is engaged in numerous acts of trespass and vandalism via the gopher hole route.  
Little Mary Harrison's eye, which came so near being blinded last week on the points of a pair of scissors, is getting along nicely and answers the purpose of seeing now as well as the other.  
Mrs. Oscar Vandenhilt is the proud owner of a fine new buggy, which she selected herself while on a recent trip to Portland.  
Good progress is being made on the new railroad, but passengers are not likely to stop for meals at Pine Grove on the fourth of July.  
BARRETT.  
We are pleased to say that a fresh-fish wagon comes up to the Barrett district every week. The driver toots his horn on Market square, corner of Rockford avenue. Yes; of course he carries very fine fresh fish, crabs and lobsters.  
C. S. True has cleared up and planted potatoes quite a nice piece of ground on his land, which he recently purchased from the Legalls homestead. C. S. is quite a worker, and will make the thing go if anyone can.  
Milton Smith has moved his family into the Lee Morse house. Milton says he does not like to have the children to have to travel so far to school.  
Rev. Elkins has moved with his family into the new parsonage, which means comfort and pleasure. Every pastor should be provided with a good, comfortable parsonage.  
F. Watts has built a nice neat flue in the Mrs. F. Legalls house. Mr. Watts is a mechanic who learned his trade in the old country, and says they will be plastering done or flue built would do well to see him at Rockford store.  
Will Nichols says it is just getting warm and the flies troublesome, so he stepped down to Rockford and got five window screens, and says they will need more when wife returns home, so that every room will be ventilated.  
It was the writer's privilege to attend the Valley Christian church, on Sunday morning last, and listen to Rev. Elkins, who preached a very practical and instructive sermon.  
I wonder, sometimes, why they formed our Fruitgrowers' Union, for I find farmers are selling their berries outside of the union, when they might have got a higher price and also help to maintain a higher price. If the union is not satisfactory, then abandon it; but we believe the union is right, for in union there is strength. Of course, these Englishmen do not know it all.  
Mrs. E. Brayford is now selling full-blood Plymouth Rock eggs at a reduced price for the balance of the season. See ad. in another column.  
Someone got a rest last Sunday, as the telephone line was in trouble from Saturday morning until Sunday evening, when the hello commenced again.  
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**LIGHTNING, THUNDER AND HAIL AT VIENTO**

Viento, Or., May 30.—This place was visited Monday afternoon by one of the hardest thunderstorms witnessed here in years. The storm was of short duration, but very furious while it lasted. There were fierce flashes of forked lightning, and heavy rains of thunder. Rain fell in torrents, as if poured from the clouds. There was also considerable hail. No damage resulted.  
Mr. Chitty has been on the sick list but is able to be out again.  
S. W. Curran, and party spent Saturday in Hood River, and we think from the looks of the hounds he brought home that he is contemplating another trip to the mountains. We wish him better success this trip.  
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**DUKES VALLEY.**

Berry picking commenced here Monday, the warm days of last week ripening the berries very fast. The berries that go into the market from this part of the valley will be first-class and surely ought to command a good price as we have seen no finer berries in Hood River valley.  
Some fields of clover are commencing to bloom and ere long we will hear the rattle of the mowing machine and hay harvest will be on our hands again. There will be a larger acreage of hay cut this year in Dukes valley than ever before. There are still a good many tons of last year's hay to be disposed of yet. Three years ago there was not enough hay raised in the valley to winter a good span of horses but now we can supply hay for stock outside of our own valley.  
A. T. Dodge has rented the William Sears place, and put it mostly into hay.  
The grubbing machine running on the Hood River Orchard Co's land will cease work this week as it is getting too dry to pull stumps. The company has about 20 acres all pulled and ready to burn and clear up. It will be set out to apples this fall.  
A party of pleasure seekers were picnicking in the valley last Sunday.  
Mrs. D. P. Shrum of Antelope, Or., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. T. Dodge.  
C. R. Bone has a force of men at work on the west lateral of the East Fork Irrigating Co's ditch. Mr. Bone expects to have water running in the ditch by the first of June.  
J. H. Cradellbaugh occasionally returns to spend a few days greeting his old-time friends at The Dalles, and this is one of the occasions when he is enlightening them by his presence. The climate in Southern Oregon, where Mr. Cradellbaugh is mining, seems to be opposed to his good health and he has been a victim of rheumatism, which he hopes Eastern Oregon will benefit. When told that he was a mere shadow of his former self John said it was Providential. That he had but one suit of clothes which an increase of arthritides would have rendered useless and caused him to take to his bed.—Chronicle.

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