

BEAUTIFUL MT. HOOD COUNTRY

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pointment awaited us, as he and all the family except one son were away packing blackberries. Passing a moment and hearing the sound of the buzzing saw at the mill below we urge our horse down through the Cooper meadow, and in a few moments we are greeted by A. M. Kelley, one of the lumber kings of Mount Hood. Kelly took time to tip his hat, but was too busy for an interview. Talking glibly a moment he said: "We are awful busy; everything all right; plenty of lumber orders till further orders; lots of improvement going on over across the west fork," etc.

It was then close to high noon and the inner man appealed to us strongly, so we urged the horse faster and faster, turning corners quickly until we reined our horse up at the cross roads at W. S. Gribble's, the country merchant, postmaster and all round business man of Mount Hood. Mr. Gribble was busy, but took time to extend all possible courtesies as we lunched in the shady park west of the store. Mr. Gribble tells us his business is spreading, and his responsibility is consequently on the increase. Like the Little White Store people, he is both merchandising and ranching. He has our sympathy, as well as our best wishes for success. He highly favors the creamery proposition and we mutually agreed that inasmuch as the Hazelwood people had taken the work here by placing separators and establishing a cream route, that much of the responsibility of the success of the enterprise rested with them, and that we were perfectly willing that they should shoulder it, and make the business a success. We must not forget to say that at Gribble's store we met Mr. Owen, who owns a homestead two miles east of the store, and who is delighted with his location, and his prospects for buying a home over in the hills in the Mount Hood country. We also had the pleasure of an interview with Mr. McKamey, who owns 20 acres of land two miles southeast of the store. Mr. McKamey is thoroughly imbued with the idea of diversified farming, and is unqualifiedly in favor of the creamery business. The fact is that this was one of the matters discussed while covering the territory, and it was the unanimous opinion that the creamery business was the most important question as touching the future welfare of the Mount Hood section, as well as the valley in general.

Leaving Gribble's we went on to interview Mr. Helmer, but found him absent, both going and coming. His mill was running as we passed but the day was lengthening and we had to pass on. Mr. Kush, formerly from Morrow county has now 40 acres of the Fredenburg place north of Helmer's and 60 acres across on the east side the road opposite Helmer's store. Mr. Kush has about 20 acres cleared on the two places and seems contented and expresses himself as satisfied with his location and investment and highly in favor of the development of the creamery business.

Leaving there we close up the work of the trip at the house of J. R. Steel. Mr. Steel and wife are sturdy Scotch people who are thrifty and are reliable and make good American citizens. Mr. Steel is the owner of 400 acres having sold 40 recently. He has 25 acres under cultivation; 15 acres in hay the balance in orchard and garden. Mr. Steel is a believer in alfalfa. He says that one acre of alfalfa will keep eight cows during the summer months. He has already cut from one scant acre six tons besides feeding two cows during the summer. He has taken 25 tons of hay from the first cutting with another crop coming. He says that this will average to his home but he intends to reduce his acreage and give others a chance for a happy home in Hood River valley. He is engaged in the chicken business having about 400. He has arranged his chicken houses so that with proper care he makes money on them. Mr. Steel is a believer in the merits of water. He pays annually 800 and says it pays. He has an orchard of 600 or 700 trees part bearing. He believes in diversified farming, and expresses himself as highly in favor of the creamery business. Mr. Steel, in addition to being an all round rancher, is a genius. You arrive at this conclusion upon inspecting at several articles of furniture made with a jack knife in a sort of patch work style, including a bookcase, lounge, chairs, picture frames, etc. The chief attraction about the place for the children is a beautiful dappled fawn captured by Mr. Steel's little girl, after having become fastened in the meshes of the wire fence in its effort to escape captivity. She has it uniformed with ribbon and a bell around its neck. It spends the day in the flower garden and makes its bed among green bows in one of the chicken houses at night. It is five or six weeks old and a beauty. The fowls now gather in the backyard on their feeding grounds and a liberal supply of wheat is scattered, and about the same time Mrs. Steel announced supper. Well, well after having breakfasted early and lunched at Gribble's store, the supper call was gladly responded to, as we sat down to a beautiful feast of good things. On the bill of fare was one of these chickens. Mrs. Steel is one of those women who is perfectly at home in her own home, and proved a charming hostess. This supper I called the reporter's banquet. The dispatching of this square meal proved one of the most delightful duties of the whole trip, but I forgot, for Mrs. Steel's last request was to mention the supper, so I will say no more about it.

At 7 p. m. we left their house and in 75 minutes we alighted at the Little White Store, after a delightful trip of three days, during which time we gleaned much information, renewed old acquaintances and formed new ones. With all that, we are glad to be at home, for the post of duty is the post of honor. Besides "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."

In closing this article I feel that I owe the readers of Mount Hood an apology. Realizing the magnitude of the country up there, and the large area of country to be covered in order to give anything like a thorough writeup of the resources and development, my time was far too short. I made the round trip in three days, two days of which were spent in the interest of the Glacier, and the other on the mountain. Perhaps at some future time it may happen that I might cover the territory again. In conclusion I desire to extend my sincere thanks to residents of Mount Hood for courtesies received while on the trip.

Do you use Naphtha soap? 5c per bar at McDonald's.

URGES HIGHER GRADE IN PACKING APPLES

President Weaver, in his annual address before the meeting of the International Apple Shipper's association, at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, August 2, said in part:

"Taking our country as a whole, there is a steady increase in the amount of apple orchards coming into bearing, and the many varying crop conditions require a yearly change of policy, making our line of action so uncertain that fixed rules cannot be applied. Continued losses for three successive years, coupled with heavy crops, caused an individual resolve to be made by nearly every buyer in the country to make his 1904 purchases on a conservative basis, yet after holding off for a short time until a few of the best orchards had been sold, the majority fell into line, and paid for the average run of former years, corresponding closely in grade with our No. 2, a price which should have bought strictly No. 1 association goods. So long as buyers continue such inconsistent methods our chances for profit are very poor, and there is not the judgement we should be able to hold out to growers who produce a high grade of fruit.

"While it is true there is a large demand for medium grades of apples at low prices, which it is the duty of the trade to supply, an increasing number of the consuming public are calling for an extra quality. This is an effect of the pure food agitation, increased prosperity, and the more general distribution of wealth. "A closer system of grading must be insisted upon by our buyers. At least half of the apples we are placing in cold storage should be marketed in the early season. Their quality does not justify the expensive package added to the high price at storage, and the sooner we, as dealers, learn this lesson, the sooner our business will get on a paying basis. We have been cold storage mad for the past few years, placing in storage as No. 1 many inferior farmer packed apples, which barely come up to our No. 2 classification, calculating that 20,000 barrels would make double the money of 10,000, and overlooking the most important of all points in apple packing and storing, which is quality.

"A strong, united effort should be made by this association to raise our standard and encourage orchardists to strive for a higher quality of production and grading and to the marketing of the great bulk of medium and low grades in an inexpensive manner in the early part of the season. The most practicable solution that presents itself to my mind is the encouragement of the production of a higher grade of fruit. The day of the small commercial orchard, managed by the diversified crop farmer, is already on the wane, and the coming successful apple grower must be a practical scientist and specialist, operating on an extensive scale, and in a measure directing nature's forces.

"The firm who is out to pack strictly No. 1 fruit knows that only a limited amount of their grade is grown, and it hunts out these particular orchards, expecting to pay a premium for them, which is only fair to the grower. Naturally, these finest orchards are the first to be sold, and the particular buyer, after having looked for a long time to locate what he wants, is disposed to pay even more than he considers it worth, rather than take the chances of unexplored fields with all their uncertainties. The grower of fancy apples is aware of the superior article he produces, and knowing it will bring a premium during the season, is firm in his position, and under such conditions the buyer yields and pays the price, which while it may not be excessive for this particular orchard, is probably 50 per cent more than any other orchard in the same section is worth. The owner of the fine orchard, feeling proud of his product and the price obtained, naturally spreads the information, and his neighbors, the local press, trade journals and other growers are ever ready to herald the news of the high prices paid for the best orchards. The producer of the ordinary quality is never willing to admit that his neighbor's orchard is worth much, if any, more than his own, and the average buyer looking for a good article does not fully appreciate the difference in the winter and spring market value between a fancy and a good article, and under such conditions the largest percentage of the apple crop is sold more than its actual or relative value."

Cuban Diarrhoea.
U. S. soldiers who served in Cuba during the Spanish war know what this disease is, and that ordinary remedies have little more effect than so much water. Cuban diarrhoea is almost as severe and dangerous as a mild form of cholera. There is one remedy, however, that can always be depended upon as will be seen by the following certificate from Mrs. Minnie Jacobs of Houston, Texas: "I hereby certify that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured my husband of a severe attack of Cuban diarrhoea, which he brought home from Cuba. We had several doctors but they did him no good. One bottle of this remedy cured him, as our neighbors will testify. I thank God for so valuable a medicine." For sale by Williams' Pharmacy.

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The general passenger department of the O. R. & N. Co., has notified agents east of Portland that round trip tickets for the Lewis and Clark exposition, at Portland, June 1 to October 15, will be sold under the following arrangements: Individual tickets—One and one-third fare for round trip; daily from May 29 to October 15, inclusive; final return limit 30 days from date of sale, but in no case later than October 31, 1905.

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