

NESTUCCA

A Trip through that Much Favored Locality.

The editor and the manager of the HEADLIGHT made an extended trip over the southern part of the county last week, and notwithstanding the dangers encountered on the Nestucca grades, have returned to give an account of the experiences.

The roads, generally, are in fine condition, excepting a little dust, and some rough places between here and Beaver. The farmers in Pleasant Valley are prospering, and making many improvements. Here we found our old friend, Dr. Mills, who seems to be in excellent spirits, having his hay all mowed away, and ever ready to entertain the passerby with interesting stories regarding the productiveness of his locality. He attends strictly to farming and does not bother with politics. The road from Pesterfield to Sand Lake is open, but is too rough for comfortable driving. This road should be put in good condition as it gives the Sand Lake people a short outlet to Tillamook, and makes the distance from Woods to Tillamook much shorter.

At Beaver the farmers are prospering on account of the cheese factory, which is quite an extensive institution. The cheese turned out here is of superior quality. Joseph Bixby has a well filled store at Beaver and is doing a good business considering the hard times.

At Hebo post office we found Geo. Bodyfelt engaged in the arduous duties of churning. George thinks we have been too hard on the "steel range men." He says that they gave him a written contract to the effect that he should have five years time to pay for his range, in case he wished that much time. However, there are others who have no written guarantee in regard to that matter.

The grades around the bluffs on the river between Mr. Bodyfelt's and A. D. Farmer's are very dangerous. There has been a slide of loose dirt, and it has never been repaired to do any good. The dirt still rolls onto the road, which winds around over the loose dirt, and it still rolls from the road and below it, down into the river. A vehicle in passing over this grade is tipped over towards the river in a manner that appears exceedingly dangerous. The outside wheels have only an inch to spare in some places and the outer rim of the road crumbles from under the wheels as the wagon moves along. The continual falling of the dirt is liable to scare the horses, and a man risks his life and team going over the place. It is more than 100 feet to the river, and some fatal accident is sure to occur unless the grade is repaired. The road should be fixed or shut up. It is said that the road district has plenty of blasting powder and necessary tools to do the work, and that the people there are willing to fix it, though no man takes the lead in doing it. The road supervisor for that district is accused of neglect as he is empowered to call out men to do the work any time, though they have already done much extra work. The grade should be made safe before any more editors are obliged to pass over it.

The Nestucca river is much lower than usual at this season, and it is very shallow at the ford near Kellow's place. Fishing along the river is good this year, and there are many campers in the vicinity of Hebo. Some are passing from the Nestucca country to Netarts, and others are coming from Netarts to Nestucca. The object seems to be to come into Tillamook on one road, returning on another.

There are many fine gardens along the Nestucca, plenty of hay is raised, much of which is sold to campers, and the people seem contented and prosperous. A great deal of honey is produced in this

locality, and it finds a ready sale to the tourists.

The toll road on the west side of the river is in fine condition, and is a good route to travel. The scenery is beautiful and a magnificent view of Haystack Rock and the ocean is enjoyed a few miles this side of Woods.

James Dunn sent out good teams, and our horses were in first class shape, however we let them take it very slow just before entering Woods. As we came into the suburbs, we turned our champing steeds loose, and we came down the main boulevard flying. This was done for effect. Most people do the same thing under similar circumstances. Our old friend L. J. Johnson was there with the Sand Lake band and made a very neat speech in the way of a reception. He said he was especially gratified at the result of the recent election and assured us that he and the people of Sand Lake would always have a tender regard for the HEADLIGHT. We then proceeded to the hotel and the proprietor received us in a rather cool manner, and remarked that he didn't know as he had room for a run-a-way couple. The editor protested but Mr. Collier said he'd seen just such fellows running away with innocent young ladies. We called on Lewis Olsen who identified the editor of the HEADLIGHT, and Mr. Collier relented. He afterwards made amends by subscribing for the paper, notwithstanding the boycott against it. Mr. Collier keeps a good hotel.

Louis Olsen is Sunday School Superintendent in Woods, and has something to do with the Epworth League. He helps his father in the store at odd times. Olsen's store is well filled with general merchandise, and is doing a good business. R. T. Weatherly has a large, well stocked drug store, and from the appearance of his building, he is there to stay. Nestucca Lodge No. 114, I. O. O. F. has a had over Mr. Weatherly's store. T. J. Lucy has a store, but he is thinking of closing out, owing to poor transportation facilities. W. J. Compton has a well kept grocery, and does his share of business. Mr. Wilehart handles fishing tackle and confectioneries, and attends to the ferry. H. Booth has a meat market and supplies the people with fresh meat. There are two feed stables and two hotels. Krebs Bros. have a good saw mill, and are locating a branch saw mill, a portable outfit, on the Little Nestucca. The town of Woods has grown considerably in the past few years, and is destined to become quite an important town in the near future. The creamery above Woods, on the south side of the river, is occupied as a dwelling, and the machinery has been moved to another building farther up. There is a good opening here for some one who will operate the creamery successfully, and we understand the plant can be had on very reasonable terms. Quite a number of people are camped at Woods, and it appears to be a favorite resort.

The Little Nestucca country is now connected with the balance of the county by a fairly good road, and good roads traverse that portion of the county. Here we find one of the best localities in Tillamook county for dairying, stock raising and general farming. In one case a rancher is experimenting with hops, and they are proving a wonderful success, though he is not using the best ground for the purpose. There is a great deal of fine cranberry land along the coast from Oretown to Slab Creek, and Fred Scherzinger has a large slice of it. Mr. Scherzinger has a fresh-water lake, which will enable him to flood the cranberries at any time, and the land is of the regular peaty formation necessary for the successful cultivation of these berries. The wild variety grows to perfection there, and no doubt the time

will come when fortunes will be made cultivating cranberries in that locality. The ground is already clear, saving much work in the preparation for that kind of a crop.

We spent some time with Mr. Scherzinger studying agriculture. He feeds his chickens with a brush hook. Whenever Fred shoulders a brush hook the chickens begin to follow him. He cuts down a few elder bushes and his chickens are fat eating elder-berries. He doesn't need to make hay, as the grasses on his lowlands make good green feed that keeps his cows fat all winter. Of course, he has to drive them home and milk them, but this comes in good play for exercise. His potatoes yield so abundantly that there isn't room to pile the potatoes on the ground after they are dug. As potatoes keep in the ground for a year in Oregon, he leaves them there, digging them only as he wants to use them. Turnips, rutabagas and carrots do not require digging. They grow so big and so fast that they crowd each other out of the ground. Clams, rock oysters and wild berries are handy. They are ripe and ready to pluck now. There is plenty of water power to do all the churning. We wanted to trade him our printing office for his ranch, but he said he didn't know anything about cultivating peas, and that he wouldn't know an Italic quad from a shooting stick. Then he was afraid of type lice.

At the mouth of Slab Creek there is a large hotel, and there are about 500 people camped in the vicinity. "Camp Salem" is composed of Salem people, and consists of about 50 tents, arranged like a village. There are some elegant and elaborate outfits, and the campers are the high-toned people of the Capital city. Ladies of quality repose swinging in hammocks, reading light literature, and the ground in and around the tents is generally carpeted with Japanese matings and other dodo work. Several of the most pretensions have Chinese cooks. Bicycles and Kodaks may be seen hanging around the trees, and artists easels were common as fish poles. Truly, the scene suggested refinement and luxurious ease.

Back of this camp is another large camp where the plebians hold forth.

They are mostly ranchers from the Willamette valley, and it is supposed they read heavy literature and eat clams. But, their stomachs and brains are capable of digesting solid matter. A farmer can't ride a bicycle or sketch a bit of scenery, but he can sleep soundly on hay in a plain tent, and eat clams and fish without fear of dyspepsia or sick headache. The plebian campers are enjoying life and are gathering energy which they will infuse into new generations. The new generations will also replenish the ranks of city dwellers who die from ennui and high living.

We are glad we are a plebian.

There are many camps at Fletcher's place, and it is a choice location. The beach is fine all along from Fletcher's to Slab Creek, and it is a beach comber's paradise. Everything from boxed fruit to barrels of whisky come ashore here. And, sometimes a dead man comes ashore, giving some settler a chance to bury him and get a fee from the county. If the editor of our contemporary paper ever comes ashore there, we hope he will be decently interred. We'll pay the bill.

When a dead man comes ashore there is always enough lumber coming with him to make a suitable burial case.

This is all.

Base Ball.

Hebo vs Woods, 45 to 7 in favor of Hebo. The game was played amidst great excitement last Sunday. There was a lively fight at the end of the game, and one Woods man had his face badly bruised.

Oretown.

Mrs. Bentley has been visiting her home near Meda.

A great many campers are located at Slab creek and Fletcher's camp which are fine camping grounds for pleasure-loving people.

Amos Kaub will return in the fall to make Nestucca his future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs, of Salem, are visiting Mr. S. H. Pack.

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Daley have rented their farms to a Mr. Robinson. Mr. Rogers and family will move to the valley in the near future.

Nearly all the farmers have their hay safely stored away for winter.

Mr. R. S. Daley was in for a few days visiting his home.

School Report.

The following is the report of School district No 15 for the term of school ending Aug 3rd, 1894.

The pupils who were neither absent, nor tardy during the first month are: Bertha Kabkee, Laura Kabkee and Ervin Kabkee.

Second month:

Bertha Kabkee and Ethel Hoskins.

Third month:

Bertha Kabkee, Laura Kabkee Ervin Kabkee and Ethel Hoskins.

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