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Dick Cook is the oldest Indian on the reservation. He does not know how old he is, but on estimation he is more than 100. He was fully grown and had been a brave for a long time before he came to the reservation 60 years ago. He is blind from age and now lies on his bed, muttering in the jargon of the days of old.

Altogether different is the next oldest male Indian, Solomon Riggs. Solomon had been married twice before he was brought to the reservation. But he can still see out of one eye. He toddles around and talks intelligently of the old days. He was one of the richest Umpquas, for his father was chief. According to Solomon, they made their camp where the City of Roseburg now stands. But so long has it been since the old days that neither Solomon nor Dick know what their Indian names were. After coming to the reservation they worked for white settlers and took the name of their employer.

Living entirely alone, supported by her husband's pension and weaving baskets to keep busy, Widow McCaury, once wife of an Umpqua chief and later of an Indian scout of the Mexican War, remains another relic of the old days. She is the oldest woman on the reservation. She says she was the fifth wife of her Tyee (chief) and that when the volunteers came onto their camp during the war and surprised them she ran around and yelled, and during the melee was shot in the foot. Her brave was killed. She then came to Grand Ronde and married Peter McCaury who was a veteran of the Mexican War, having served in the capacity of a scout. His pension now supports her.

To guard the Indians the Government sent soldiers to Grande Ronde and built old Fort Yamhill. This was the beginning of Phil Sheridan's history in connection with the United States Army. He was graduated from West Point in 1854 and came West as a Lieutenant in the Third and Fifth Infantry. He served here until May, 1861, when the outbreak of the Civil war recalled him and his company. At the head of the company was Captain David Allen Russell, also a graduate of West Point. Previous to the arrival of the soldiers a blockhouse had been built by the settlers for their mutual protection, as an outbreak of the Tillamook Indians had threatened them. Around this blockhouse on a hill overlooking a valley of the reservation through which the Coast road runs was built the fort. On the east, Sheridan's, Russell's and Sergeant Miller's homes were built. On the south was the soldier's quarters, and on the west the barns and settlers' store, while a little off center was the fort. Between the fort and the officers' quarters was the parade and target grounds.

The settlers' store was run by Ben Simpson, who came to Oregon in 1846, was Surveyor-General of the state, eight years agent on the