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GRAND OLD LADY IN HER 96th YEAR

"GRANDMA PALMER" RELATES WITH WONDERFUL MENTAL ACCURACY EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED IN ADMINISTRATION OF NATION'S FIFTH PRESIDENT

"Grandma Palmer!" How much that name means to every old settler in the Grande Ronde Valley! A strong mind, a vigorous body, a firm determination, a remarkable fortitude and a never failing cheerfulness has brought Grandma Palmer to her ripe age of 96 years, a beautiful, sweet old woman whose presence is a benediction, and whose words are a treasure fountain.

At present Grandma Palmer lives with her son, Joseph Palmer, on 3rd street and Adams avenue. For over a year she has not been away from this home, it being a year ago last August since she last left for a two months stay at the home of Mrs. B. W. Grandy, one of her daughters. Last Fourth of July, she sat out on the porch and took a lively interest in the procession, and again last August, on circus day, she was on the porch, but she spends her time almost entirely in her room now. Here she graciously receives the callers, who are so fortunate as to have a half hour or so in conversation with her.

Such a privilege was awarded the writer this week. Upon entering the cheerful room, Grandma Palmer was seen sitting in a large chair well wrapped in quilts. A white cap with embroidery trimming did not conceal entirely the white hair parted smoothly in the middle. Her brown eyes and her wrinkled mouth smiled a welcome and showed that she was still concerned with the affairs of the people about her. The reporter felt a sense of awe in the presence of this grand old lady who was born during Madison's administration, when the second war with England was in progress, who shook hands with Lafayette during his visit to America in Monroe's administration, who was married to Robert H. Palmer at the time that Andrew Jackson was having his great bank fight, who stood on the historical spot where the Declaration of Independence was signed and where the battle of Brandywine was fought, who had the distinction of riding on the first thirteen miles of railroad in the United States shortly after its construction, and who came to the Grande Ronde Valley in 1864 and did a worthy part in reclaiming it from its uncultivated state.

It is the calling up of her girlhood days that is most deeply interesting. She said that the stories told her by her grandmother about the Revolution were fresh in her memory, and she related one of a neighbor of her grandmother whose many cheeses were cut to pieces by two Englishmen who were refused refreshments. When asked about the appearance of Lafayette she said that he looked just like his picture and did not seem very old.

"What sort of a school did you attend," asked the reporter.

Grandma Palmer smiled, and proceeded to tell in a delightfully entertaining manner, of her schooling. "I went to a subscription school," she said. "One of the school teachers here said to me that she wondered how the children learned anything then, but I wonder sometimes if they didn't learn more than they do now, for then we went to school to learn our books and now it seems like the children go to play. Why, I remember my spelling lessons like it was only yesterday. Many a time I dreamed about my lessons. I could just see the whole page of spelling—there was every word with its definition after it."

"Do you remember some of the words?"

"Law yes. 'Abashed, to be ashamed; Abandon, to leave, forsake,' and 'ret the memory,' Mrs. Palmer laughed outright.

She then told of the boarding school which she attended after she had finished at the subscription school. This was the West Town Boarding school for girls and boys, founded in 1791. The girls and boys were not allowed to sit at the table together, and could go home not more than three times a year.

When asked where she was during the Civil War, "This last War?" she questioned in a reminiscent tone of voice. And then she went on to

say that she and her family removed from Delaware county, Penn., where she had resided since her birth, April 7, 1814 to Glenwood, Iowa, in 1857. After a seven year's stay in the Hawkeye State the Palmer family crossed the plains in an immigrant train, reaching the Grande Ronde Valley July 4, 1864. "We had a fine celebration that day," said Grandma Palmer. "There was speaking and singing. The Indians were right there with us."

At the time of the Indian scare of '78, Grandma Palmer's son, Joseph Palmer was living in Old Town, while his parents were residing on a farm in the neighborhood now known as "across the track." On the morning in which the scare was at its height, Joseph Palmer went to the exposed farm and told his father and mother to come to Old Town. His mother was in the midst of her week's washing, and refused to leave the house until the clothes were drying on the line. She then calmly betook herself to the place of safety.

She has made two visits to her old home in Pennsylvania, once in 1871, entirely alone, and again in 1889 in company with her husband. It was not her intention to make the first journey alone as there was a distance of 500 miles to be made by stage to Kelton, Utah. She started from the Grande Ronde Valley with two friends who were compelled to give up their journey at Boise because of an accident. Grandma Palmer spent a restless night and had decided to start home the next morning, but the hotel keeper persuaded her to go on as there were to be desirable stage companions. For several days she endured the exposure of the rough roads, sleeping only in the crude stage coach while the horses were galloping over rocky roads.

Grandpa Palmer died in 1901 at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Six of the eleven children born to him and to his noble wife, Hannah Palmer, are still living, Mrs. F. Newlin, Mrs. B. W. Grandy, Mrs. C. V. Harding and Mr. Joseph Palmer, of La Grande; Mrs. A. E. Jones, of Portland, and Mr. Charles Palmer, of Baker City.

U. S. Senator Chamberlain, who is a relative of Grandma Palmer, called on her during his recent visit to La Grande. Although dwelling in her twilight years, this grand old woman smiles upon the pleasures and sympathizes with the sorrows of those in the noon-day of life with beautiful spirit that reflects the radiance of her inward life.

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Observer Want Ads Pay

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the city recorder for the construction of a five foot sidewalk on and along the North side of Lot 6, Block 110 in Grandy's addition to the City of La Grande, Oregon, said walk to be constructed according to the specifications on file at the recorder's office. All bids to be accompanied by a certified check of 10 per cent of the amount of the bid and to be in by 4 o'clock p. m. October 20th, 1909. The council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon.
By D. E. COX, Recorder.
October 11, 1909. 9t

Notice of Administrator's Sale.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the undersigned administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of Frank Milne, deceased, under and by virtue of the powers to him given in the will of said deceased and by direction thereof and by permission of the county court of Union County, Oregon, given by order made and entered in said cause on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1909, will, from and after the 9th day of November, A. D. 1909, proceed to sell at private sale for cash, if preferred by the purchaser for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars cash and the balance on one and two years time with interest at eight per cent per annum, and secured by mortgage on the premises, and sale to be subject to a mortgage now thereon for Fifteen Hundred Dollars, his following lands of the said estate, to-wit: Northwest-Quarter and West Half of Northeast Quarter and West Half of Southeast Quarter and North Half of Southwest quarter of Section Thirty One, in Township One, North of Range Forty, and Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-Six in Township One, North of Range Thirty Nine, East of Willamette Meridian in Union County, Oregon.

R. H. LLOYD,
Administrator de bonis non will annexed of Frank Milne, deceased.
(10-10-11-18-25 N-1-8.)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of S. M. Bloom, deceased, and that all claims against said estate must be properly verified and filed with the undersigned at her home in Cove, Oregon, or with F. S. Ivanhoe, her attorney, at his office in La Grande, Oregon, within six months from this date.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 22nd day of October, 1909.
HELEN B. BLOOM,
Administratrix.

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OCTOBER MAGAZINES. (By W. F.)

PROBABLY the two most widely read magazines for October are Scribner's containing Roosevelt's "African Game Trails", and Everybody's, now running Judge Ben B. Lindsey's account of "The Beast and the Jungle". Lincoln Steffens, who has made many enemies among the "higher ups" by his articles on graft, says: "On my knees, if I could, I would beg the people of this country to read Lindsey's story." It is a story of the doing of the ring in Denver, Judge Lindsey's home city, and is told as no other similar story has been told. Mr. Lindsey, who has already become famous as the Judge of the Juvenile Court of Denver, does not hesitate to name persons concerned, and always gives the impression of being eminently fair and just, and indeed, the narrative makes the reader feel that the author is not so angry as he is sorrowful, that such things are.

To Relieve Japanese.

Boston, Oct. 23.—A dinner will be given this evening by the Boston Chamber of Commerce in honor of the special commissioners from Japan, who will spend the next few days gathering information and data as to the industrial interests of Boston and New England.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

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For particulars address the Grande Ronde Reservoir Company, La Grande, Oregon, J. E. Reynolds, secretary.

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Oct. 19-26.



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