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**J. NIELSON BARRY, RECTOR AT
BAKER, CHRONICLES.**

**Points Out Many Interesting Historical
Facts About La Grande.**

(By J. Nielson Barry, in Baker Herald.)

In the days of the trappers and the earliest pioneers the Oregon country consisted of all of the region west of the Rocky mountains from the Spanish possessions, now Nevada and California to the southern limit of Alaska, latitude 54.40.

By the treaty of 1818 this region was held jointly by Great Britain and the United States, but the long dispute regarding the division was ended in 1846 by the present line dividing this country from British Columbia.

Two years later, 1848, the territory of Oregon was organized, from which the northern portion consisting of Washington and the Panhandle of Idaho, was cut off in 1853, leaving Oregon with its present boundaries to become a state in 1859.

Provisional Government.

Before the disputed question of the division between Great Britain and the United States had been settled, a provisional government had been organized at Champool, south of what is now Oregon City in 1843, and the Oregon region divided into four districts, the southeastern, called Champool, or Champool, extended from the Willamette river to the Rocky mountains and included the present site of Baker.

North of an imaginary line, running eastward through about the present site of Cove, was the district of Clackamas, but the next year all of what is now Eastern Oregon was included in the Champool district which was called Champool county, in 1845.

Champool District.

The district on the south was Champool or Champool, the Indian name for a weed. The original boundary dividing Champool from Clackamas had run eastward through about the present site of Cove but in 1844 Champool district was extended northward to the Columbia so that La Grande was in Champool district.

Champool County.

The next year, 1845, the name "district" was altered to "county," so that county.

Linn County.

The extent of Champool county was greatly diminished two years later, 1847, when a new county was created which included all of the region south of the line drawn westward from Mount Jefferson, which passed just south of what is now Pleasant Valley. This new county was named from Missouri. Hon. Lewis F. Linn who was the originator of the Oregon donation land law.

Linn county, however, was not to long enjoy its extensive area, for in 1851 it had to itself experience the cutting off of its southern portion, so that Eastern Oregon was then divided into three strips running east and west, like the stripes of the flag. The southern strip was a part of Lane county, named in honor of General

Joseph Lane, the first territorial governor of Oregon.

Marion County

The northern strip, which had always included the site of the present city of La Grande had meanwhile undergone a change of name, Champool or Champool, the Indian name for a weed, being discarded in 1849 for the name Marion county in honor of the Revolutionary patriot of the Carolinas General Francis Marion.

Wasco County

The distinction of honoring a United States senator, an Oregon governor and a Revolutionary hero was not long permitted in Eastern Oregon, for in 1854 all of the portions of those three counties that lay east of the Cascade mountains were cut off, and a new county created which again rejoiced in an Indian name, "Wasco," which had belonged originally to a small tribe of Indians at The Dalles, and is said to have signified "grass." But the new county of Wasco, which comprised all of Eastern Oregon, was destined to have fifteen new counties carved from its original area, until now it is almost reduced to the original territory of the Wasco tribe.

Baker County

Col. Edward Dickson Baker, hero of the Mexican war, and United States senator, fell, pierced by six bullets, at the battle of Balls Bluff, Oct. 21, 1861 and in the following year his name was forever perpetuated by the creation of Baker County, which included all of Wasco east of the summit of the Cascade range and the 118th parallel of longitude.

Union County

History repeated itself, however, for as the original Champool county was divided as new settlers came to Oregon, so the area of Wasco was diminished, and Baker also had to undergo the same experience, by the cutting off of the northern part for the new county of Union in 1864 from which the county of Wallowa was afterwards taken in 1887.

Clackamas District.

The present site of La Grande was originally included in Clackamas district which extended northward to 54.40, the southern limit of Alaska and from the Cascades to the Rocky mountains.

Wallowa County.

The area of Union county was greatly diminished in 1887 when the beloved happy hunting ground of the famous Chief Joseph was taken from Union county and made into a new county with another Indian name, Wallowa.

The Panhandle.

Another loss of area occurred when the southeastern strip between the Grant mountains and Powder river was taken away and added to Baker county.

First in Clackamas district, then in Champool district, then Champool county, then Marion county, then Baker county, then Union county and then reduced to its present dimensions.

Malheur County.

By far the larger portion of Baker county lay south of the Burnt river mountains and this was taken away in 1887 and made into Malheur county. It is thus that the present county of Baker has resulted from the successive changes, first Champool district, then Champool county, then the name changed to Marion county, then made part of Wasco county, then Baker county and then reduced to its present dimensions.

LAFFERTY IS
"SHOWN UP"

**BALDWIN, ELLIS' SECRETARY,
TELLS SOMETHING NEW.**

Relates Incidents Leading up to Publishing of Kubel Letter.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Edward D. Baldwin, formerly secretary for Congressman Ellis, accused by Congressman Lafferty of spreading the story of Lafferty's letter to Miss Kubel and of trying to hold up Lafferty for money, has made a statement denying the Lafferty allegations.

Incidentally, Baldwin tells a new story of Lafferty's flirtation with a waitress in a Washington restaurant. Under this circumstance, he narrates, a reporter for the Washington Times just hit the Lafferty trail. In his statement he says:

"Practically every statement made by Mr. Lafferty in this case in his effort to excuse himself for his violation of the proprieties in his actions toward Miss Kubel has been proved false by his own admissions. His insinuations concerning me are equally so.

"His statements concerning me are quite rambling, but seem to me to divide themselves naturally into two classes: First, those in which he states that I was bending every effort to get the story into print; second, those in which he seems to insinuate that I, through F. H. Barrow, at the same time, tried to hold him up for money if I would suppress the story. In his desire to accuse me of everything he could think of he probably failed to note the flagrant inconsistency here.

Where Story Started.

"The Kubel story began to spread from a bunch of high school friends of Miss Kubel. To those who have been in Washington during the past two months and known how widely it has been gossiped about the city, it seems preposterous to assert that anyone could suppress it, or that any man of sense who desired to have it suppressed would consider for a moment investing a dollar to keep any one person from circulating it. In an ordinary day one would hear it half a dozen times from widely different sources. No effort was needed to get it into print; it was only a question of time when it would break. I have at all times gossiped freely concerning the Kubel letter incident to the newspaper and other acquaintances.

"His impressions concerning my efforts against him are largely the result of a joke put up on him by several newspaper boys.

Saw Baldwin in Dreams.

"They knew that Lafferty was aware of my openly expressed contempt for him as a man and as a congressman. They also knew that Lafferty was worried night and day for fear the Kubel letter story would get into print and hurt him politically. So he was put through a regular course of teasing after his return from Canada. Hardly a day passed that it was not suggested to him in some form or other that I would get the story published. Finally he saw Baldwin in his dreams; and I was told by one of the newspaper boys that he cursed me eloquently and said that no one could be a friend of mine and his at the same time.

"Nor did I, as Lafferty alleges, 'peddle' the story to the Washington paper. The real story of how they learned of the 'bachelor-without-a-family' letter has never yet been told in print. I have no wish to add to Lafferty's present notoriety, but his statement in this particular forces me to tell it.

How It Happened.

"This is how it happened: On the evening of July 13, in company with three friends of mine, living at the Young Men's Christian association, I went into Wallis' cafe on Twelfth street at supper time. As we crossed the room I noticed Lafferty seated alone at a table in the center of the room 'making eyes' in a most conspicuous and disgusting manner at one of the waitresses. As my friends went on to get a table I stopped for half a moment to 'jolly' Lafferty on it, then passed on, joining my friends just as they were getting seated. In explanation of my brief absence I pointed out

Lafferty to them, told them he was a congressman, and while we were waiting to be served, related to them the story of the letter to the high school girl, which was then current gossip. One of the boys was J. Lloyd Wright, a reporter on the Washington Times. He thought the incident good for a 'story' for his paper, reported it to his city editor, and was assigned to 'work it up' the next day.

Interviews Lafferty.

"In doing so he interviewed Lafferty. The latter immediately coupled this circumstance with the episode in the restaurant and jumped to the conclusion that I 'carried' the story to the Times. Thus an accident plus a little fliriting helped to give him the notoriety he so much dreaded.

"To those who have known me since I came to Oregon as a boy five years old it seems almost a waste of words for me to say that I regard such a form of blackmail as dishonest.

"So thoroughly has Lafferty's veracity been discredited during the past few days by his own statements that it seems a waste of time to deny his insinuations, yet I bear in mind that irresponsible as he is, his position as a congressman is such that anything he might say, no matter how false or improbable, might be believed by many if not contradicted.

"I also bear in mind that there are thousands in Oregon who never heard my name before this, and that the reputation of a young man about to embark in law as a profession, where his honor is his chief asset, is a thing which cannot be too zealously guarded. For these reasons I have gone into detail regarding Lafferty's insinuation, which is without a shadow of foundation or truth."

NOTES FROM THE LABOR
WORLD.

Of the money contributed to the strike fund in Los Angeles, \$220,000 has been received through the labor council of San Francisco.

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are 14,434, and 7,493 are exempt. Reports from the various coal regions indicate that there has been a decided improvement in the coal mining industry lately and many of the idle men have returned to work.

The June report for the Boilermakers' and Iron and Steel Shipbuilding Society of Great Britain states that the present membership is 54,580.

An army of organizers has just started out over the entire Grand Trunk railroad system with the object of organizing every branch of the service, including the clerks.

The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths has signed an agreement with the Canadian Northern railroad, with a 2-cent an hour advance, and improved conditions in the shops.

About ten years ago 25 cents in gold a day was considered a fair wage for a common day laborer in Mexico. But gradually the rate has increased and continued to increase until now the prevailing rate is from 50 to 60 cents a day.

The Western Federation of Miners has defeated a proposition to call a general strike on the day set for the opening of the trial of the McNamara brothers. The vote was 172 against to 124 in favor of the general strike.

For the first time in nearly two years the printing trade unions of San Francisco are working together in perfect harmony under the rules of an Allied Printing Trades Association.

The boilermakers and helpers employed in the water bureau of the Department of Public Works of the city of Philadelphia have obtained an increase in their wages. The increase amounts to \$4.00 per week to both the boilermakers and the helpers, besides better conditions.

FRATERNAL ORDERS OF LA
GRANDE.

L. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, L. F. & A. M. L. meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. L. M. HOYT, W. M. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.

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E. E. DANIELS, ED. HEATH, Clerk.

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MISS HELEN McLAUGHLIN, N. G. MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

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