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M. B. REES.

McDonough Bainbridge Rees was born in the region of the Great Lakes in the state of Ohio in the year 1831 when that new country had just been conquered from the then greatest foe of the white settler, the American Indian, and at a time when the savage was held back in the western part of that state by a chain of military posts, the names of which, Fort Wayne, Meigs, Stevenson, Croghan and Seneca were as familiar to the ears of those sturdy pioneers of that day and generation as the names of Ohio's greatest cities, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toledo are to the denizens of that great state today, and his forefathers on both his paternal and maternal sides were contemporaries with and comrades in arms of those hard old hitters and bravest of sea fighters of the Revolutionary and of the Second War with England, Commodores Hull, Decatur, Preble, McDonough and Bainbridge, the names of the latter two being given him at his christening, and the spirit that dominated these worthy ancestors has dominated the subject of this tribute of respect and friendship and his large family of brothers, most of whom were soldiers of distinction in the greatest of all our wars, that for the preservation of the Union in the 60's, the sole survivor of them being Rear Admiral Rees, now living in retirement in one of the cities of the east. Mr. Rees emigrated to the great

northwestern country in the 50's and in 1862 he and David L. Moomaw, who survives him and who now resides in Baker, Oregon, went together to the mines at Florence, Idaho, and within a few years thereafter he settled at Cove in Union county where he resided up to the time of his death, having married Miss America Hall in the year 1862 whom he survived some ten years, the issue of this marriage being one daughter, Zella, dead long years ago, she being the wife of John Shoemaker of Wallowa county, Oregon, and four sons who survive him, Sherman B. Rees of Portland, Oregon; Edward and Walter Rees of Cove and Deputy Sheriff Harry Rees of La Grande, Oregon. In his death one of the very few left of those old pioneers and argonauts who blazed the way to civilization in this great northwest country has crossed the great divide and has passed beyond the picket lines never to return, and every one in Union county and in Eastern Oregon for that matter, of old pioneer stock and most of those who have come later, knew Mack Rees, and all his large circle of friends and acquaintances have only words of commendation of his life and character and of sorrow at his death. Mr. Rees never subscribed to the creed or catechism of any particular church or religious denomination, but in his every day life and acts and in all his dealings with his fellow men he lived, not theoretically, but practically up to that creed of all creeds, the Divine command of the Master, "Do unto others even so as ye would have them do unto you" and he believed in "The one true and ever Living God" with reverence but without superstition or bigotry, and he was opposed always to ecclesiastical folly and despotism and he had the courage of his convictions and all who knew him recognized his great reading and his ability to maintain the stand he took on any of the great public questions of his time.

Peace be to his ashes and all honor to his memory, and after all is said and done the greatest and truest to be said is he left to his sorrowing sons and friends and neighbors, now gathered about his bier in the silent city of the dead to pay him their last token of esteem and respect, that most priceless of heritages and greatest of boons, an unsullied name, a spotless character, and the realization of the fact that in all his long life rectitude of conduct, sterling and rugged honesty, good citizenship, and changeless patriotism, dominated his life and career and his example may well be and should be emulated by the youth of this time and by the generations of his fellows and neighbors yet to come.

"Thee on thy mother's knee a new born child in tears we saw, when all about thee smiled. So live that sinking in thy last long sleep, smiles may be thine when all about thee weep." J. B. MESSICK, Baker, Oregon.

THE COLONEL'S TRIAL.

Colonel Roosevelt is on trial for libel. A libel case that grew out of politics. Because the Colonel talked plainly he is now before the court. What the outcome will be is mere conjecture, but it brings up a point that is very important.

One may know a thing very well, in fact be absolutely positive in his own mind, yet utterance of what he believes sometimes makes no end of trouble. It is through this desire to keep out of trouble that many a two-faced, hypocritical character gets by without public censure. There is

hardly a community wherein does not dwell some one playing double, which fact is known to most people yet all refrain from taking the initiative in speaking out their mind.

The Colonel is strong on speaking out. It has ever been his custom and when he thought it was for public good to impugn the motives and criticize the actions of Mr. Barnes, he did so with a vengeance.

Would it be well to have more Colonel Roosevelts—more outspoken public men? Would it be for the best interest of the public to have a spade called a spade, or would it be better to ever put on the soft pedal and, although knowing inwardly of corruption and crime, wink the other eye in order to preserve a peaceful attitude?

Anyway there are plenty of candidates in the Republican party for the presidential nomination and it might be well to have an elimination contest before the primaries are held. For this is no year for the Republicans to make mistake.

Mrs. Rockefeller leaves a million and a half to charity, which would indicate that a lot of wealthy people are not nearly so bad as they are painted.

Apparently to get money from a regional bank anyone living in the Grande Ronde valley must have the endorsement of one of the valley banks. That kind of an endorsement will get money any time from sources other than a regional bank.

Last Sunday's papers pictured Governor Withycombe on the ranch feeding the chickens, and in that picture was a commercial sermon to many people. Staying with the ranch is one of the Governor's best slogans and there is nothing hypocritical about his utterances.

One thing the West administration did do. It graduated a lot of attorneys from state house and all of them are locating in the city of Portland, including the ex-governor, where it is admitted the field is excellent and attorneys heretofore have been few and far between.

Voting bonds in Multnomah county is like shooting fish. Anyone who has ever been in the Willamette valley during its prolonged wet season will not blame those people for mortgaging the cook stove in order to have a hard spot to stand upon.

"We can't have a panic," say the regional bankers. And it is echoed and re-echoed throughout the country. Lets see what is the correct definition for that word panic?

Great Britain decided not to go entirely dry. There will still be a little 'half and 'half to be had over there.

La Grande lost the first game of ball to Baker, but La Grande is long-winded and a great finisher.

Clean-up week includes the dogs, also.

LEGAL RECORD.

J. D. Rode, et us to P. B. Rode, \$20,000. Warranty deed. Conveys: S 1-2 of NE 1-4 and SE 1-4 of NW 1-4 of Sec 25, E 1-2 of NW 14, W 1-2 of NE 1-4 and NE 1-4 and NW 1-4 of SE 1-4 of Sec 26, and all of Sec 36, all in Tp 4 S R 38, E. Also to SW 1-4, and N 1-2 of SE 1-4 of SE 1-4 of Sec 30; the W 1-2 and W 1-2 of NE 1-4, and N 1-2 of SE 1-4 of Sec 31, all

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