

EARLY DAYS ARE RECALLED

John B. Horner Publishes Article in Oregon Journal of High Interest.

The following is another in the series of autobiographies being compiled by Oregon authors for John B. Horner, publisher of the Oregon Journal. These are later to appear in book form. In the article Mr. Horner tells us how he came by his love for annals, history and prehistoric.

(By J. B. HORNER)
When asked to prepare an autobiography it occurred to me that it was through no choice of mine that I was born in Texas, or that my parents, fearing that the children of poor white families would not have a fair chance in a land of slave labor, went north and came on homestead to Walla Walla, Wash., in 1867. Yet one of the sweetest recollections of my childhood was our arrival at thearrison where the soldiers were very kind to the emigrants.

Also it was not of my selection that for want of dwellings in the town we moved into the Robinson theatre, which had been vacated because of a shooting affray between soldiers and some two-gun men who did not view matters quite as did Uncle Sam in Civil war times, and that my first job in Walla Walla was stuffing rats in the bullet holes of the walls to keep out the sharp winds of early springtime.

But this sort of life was as interesting to me as Robinson Crusoe's career ever was to you; for a boy that was all boy and knew how to stay out of danger could see plenty of excitement in a frontier town that was composed largely of saloons, where shooting was common, where business men were constantly coming from the "diggings" with their newly found gold, and groups of way-worn emigrants were daily arriving.

It was natural, therefore, that a boy in Walla Walla in those times longed to be a man so he could wear high-top boots, carry a six-shooter and go with a pack train, drive a big ox-team, or proudly handle the ribbons of a six-horse stage.

Mrs. John Elmer, then of Walla Walla but now of Portland, was my first teacher. She taught her pupils the alphabet and how to read and spell from Webster's blue-back spelling book. She also taught us how to sing, "Happy Day," "There is a Happy Land," and "I Want to Be an Angel." She gave her pupils little presents among which was a Testament which I still have in my possession. Through more than a half century this teacher has been a beautiful influence in the lives of her pupils.

Following my boyhood in Walla Walla the days of my youth were spent in Eastern Oregon.

Because my mother was very anxious that I should be a preacher, we compromised the matter and I turned out to be a teacher. After preparation in the public schools, I slipped from the founts of learning at Whitman, secondary, Blue Mountain university, Philomath college, Willamette university, University of California and Harvard.

This was quite a change from my life in Walla Walla, but the great transition of my life was in moving from the log out-doors up in the Oregon highlands where the people walk above the clouds

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down into the lowlands of the Willamette valley where the sky is gray, and the atmosphere humid much of the year on in Shaker-pease land. There is a feeling in this change that few forget.

Long after my books, "Oregon Literature" and "Vacation on the Mediterranean" were out of print J. A. Bexell, dean of commerce in the Oregon Agricultural college, urged me to organize classes in Oregon history in the college, bringing the subject down to the present time. Both the classes in Oregon history became so large that I was compelled to prepare a hand-book on the subject.

Also about this time Dr. L. A. Banks, a native Oregonian who has written two books, suggested to me that I make a study of prehistoric and historic Oregon, soon engrossed my time, for there were places mines with pay dirt down to bed-rock which is covered with suggestions yet many have been only partly worked. This will explain that while teaching in my vocation my prehistoric avocation is the work of a prehistoric—Oregon Journal.

Historic Oxford to Be Home of Silver Foxes From Canada

LONDON (AP)—England's first venture in silver fox farming is to get under way shortly, and already 20 pairs of foxes have been brought here from Canada, and installed on a plot of ground near Oxford.

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Thirty-eight of the Michigan herds exceeded an average of 400 pounds of fat a year for each cow, said the statement.

There was 14 of the 256 herds in Wisconsin which exceeded 400 pounds for each cow, the remainder being in the 300-pound class. Forty-eight Pennsylvania herds made 400 pounds or better while 238 exceeded 300 pounds. Other states in the 200-pound list were: Minnesota, 211 herds; Ohio, 204; Iowa, 152; Maryland, 124; Illinois, 108; Virginia, 66; Idaho, 59; Indiana, 51; New York, 33; New Hampshire, 24; New Mexico, 15; North Dakota, 13; Missouri, 17; and Georgia, 16.

DENTIST KILLED BY AUTO

NEWPORT, Ore.—Dr. Walter M. Berry, dentist, well known citizen of Newport, was killed in an automobile accident on south beach. Dr. Berry came to Newport from Waldport and was returning to Waldport with L. E. Wing, a friend, when the accident occurred. Mr. Wing explained to a coroner's jury that while he was driving on the freeway from the ferry landing on south beach he encountered a sharp curve on the driveway, the front wheel hit a guard rail that threw the wheel from his hands; he lost control, and the car plunged to the ground.

gaining both occupants of the car fast. Mr. Wing was not seriously injured.

Paper Rate Cut Approved

SALEM, Ore.—The public service commission approved a point rate reducing the freight rate on paper shipped from Lebanon to points in eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho. Railroads made parties to the joint rate include the Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Spokane, Portland &

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