

RECALLS EARLY WALLOWA DAYS

Indian Scares and Trail Finding Discussed at Pioneer Meeting

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Apr. 29.—The fifth meeting of the Wallowa County Historical society was held recently at Joseph. Thanks to J. Fred McClain, who spent the entire evening with a car gathering in the old timers of the neighborhood and returning them to their homes, the meeting was an entire success.

Some fifteen persons were present representing the very first families of the upper valley. Among these were R. M. Downey, one of the first four men on Prairie creek and who came to the valley in the spring of '74; Mrs. Mary Adams, who with her husband was the fifth family and who located the homestead on which she now lives in the summer of '76.

Others present were Mrs. Meek, wife of C. W. Meek, of the fall of '77; Mrs. Alvira Roup, member of the Dave Warden family of '77, and who later married E. T. Roup; Mrs. James McClain of about the same period; Marie Hayes and Alice Leffell, who were daughters of the Flag family; John Hayes, John Blevins, Mrs. J. A. Rumble and Mrs. Mary Mitchell, all having come prior to '80.

Most of the above named persons were in the fort on Prairie Creek in the summer of '78. Many were the incidents of interest, grim, tragic or humorous, as the case might be which were related of those stirring times.

Wallowa valley as a whole was claimed by the Indians, who under the leadership of the younger Chief Joseph were strongly contending for the removal of the whites. The government was vainly

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



"JUDY O'GRADY AND TH' COLONEL'S LADY"
MAY BE SISTERS UNDER TH' HIDE,
BUT MISTER O'GRADY AN' MISTER BRADY
MAINT BROTHERS ON TH' IN SIDE.

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however, and sleeping in the brush along Prairie creek every night.

A. N. Adams did not go to the fort, as he, along with John McClain and one or two other men were putting up red fish at the lake. Mrs. Adams stayed nights with her husband, riding home over the lake hill every day to do the chores.

Scare Subsidies

After some weeks, as no Indians appeared, the scare subsided until all returned to their homes. It was related that on one occasion Mrs. Proebstel hired some Indians to dig her potatoes, which they proceeded to do by the aid of a sharp stick. Mrs. Proebstel introduced them to the use of hoes which they were reluctant to use at first, but soon got the hang of it and liked to such an extent that when they were ready to leave one of the men asked for an old hoe, saying his woman could dig cammas with it. He received the hoe and proudly carried it away on the top of his pack.

The first postoffice was established in the fall of 1878 with R. M. Downey as postmaster on upper Prairie creek, the mail being carried

weekly from Bramlett's on Diamond Prairie, the first mail carrier being Byron Norman.

The first school was established on Prairie Creek the same fall with J. J. Blevins (father of Murat and John Blevins) as teacher. Mr. Blevins also established a singing school and helped organize a Sunday school that winter.

Downey Here

R. M. Downey, who now lives in Idaho, just happened to be in the county, being headed for the Innaha for a visit with his wife's brother, Ralph Barton, of the Park. Mr. Downey claims the distinction of being one of the first two men to open a way up Trail creek from the Innaha, being the route of the present wagon road.

Telling the incident, Mr. Downey said: "Soon after I came to the valley I hired out to ride for John Creighton, who ran cattle which he summered in the valley and wintered on the lower Innaha. The only good substantial corral in the upper valley at this time was on the George Vail place. It was customary to gather cattle one day confining them in the Vail corral over night and driving them to the

river by way of Crow creek and north to the head of Camp creek, thence down Camp creek to the river."

"This, as we found later, was a round about way. It required two days and necessitated night herding somewhere on Crow creek. In returning from Innaha for another drive, Bill Masterson, and myself decided to ride out by way of Trail creek which had at this time not a track in it.

Found Short Cut

"Creighton and others advised against it, saying we would sure lay out, but we went ahead and found fairly easy going for saddle horses. Coming out on top and passing between the Buttes directly across the hills, we arrived at the Vail place at 4 o'clock.

"The party coming the old Camp creek route did not get in until 9 o'clock, so when we had another herd gathered to drive to the river we tried the Trail creek route and by pushing the cattle a little reached the river at dark, a drive that always had required two days. This route was used thereafter as trail, wagon road and later by the cars."

PARK PERSONALS

THE PARK (Special)—Mrs. C. E. Wilson has returned to her home in La Grande after spending a week here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller, of Big Creek, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradshaw Saturday evening. Mrs. Clarence Vanorder was a week end guest of Mrs. J. B. Hunter at her home on Catherine Creek.

Edward Wolfe motored to Cove Sunday.

Mr. Ross, of Union, was a visitor at the J. B. Hunter home Sunday.

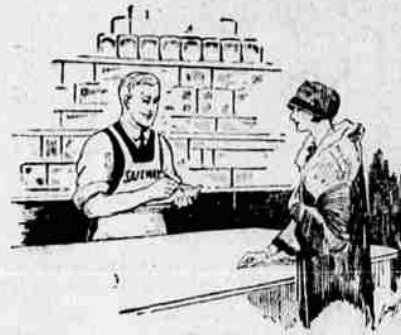
Mr. Connors, Ellis Hess and Mr. Hess' father were here a few days ago looking over the timber at Catherine Creek for sale. Mr. Hess and his father are the owners of the new saw mill at Union.

The weather at The Park has been like summer. Many of the farmers have completed their spring farming.

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