

GANGLOFF HELPED PIONEER LA GRANDE AND COUNTY

Mrs. Mary Foley, His Daughter, Tells of Early Days Here.

"Yes, I was at the railroad station when the first train arrived," said Mrs. Mary Foley whose residence in La Grande dates back to 1864. "I was among the first to get there, and well remember the cheering and shouting which occurred on that day."

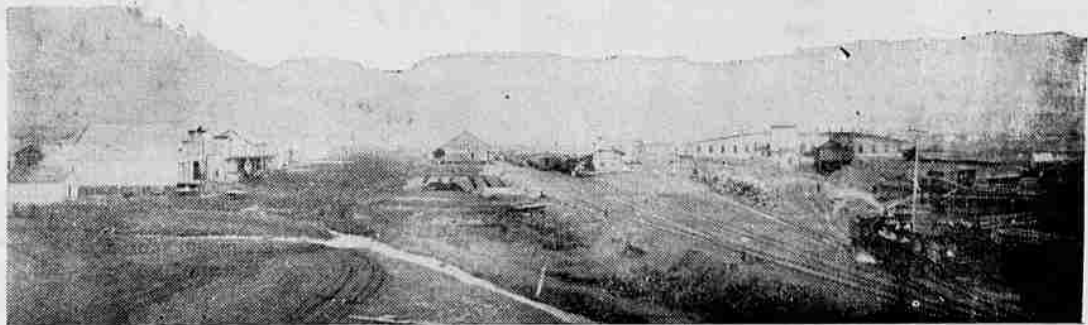
The history of the Gangloff family and its weaving into the history of the city of La Grande, is well known to all who have taken an interest in the beginnings of this section of Oregon. How Mr. Gangloff, Mrs. Foley's father, came from their home at Tumwater, near the present city of Olympia, Wash., in 1863. How the homestead was taken up at the site of Gangloff park and adjacent property between La Grande and Oro Dell. How this pioneer brought to the valley some of the first fruit trees which were planted here and, after the bringing of his wife and family here the following year, 1864, a nursery was started—the first business of its kind in the valley.

Mrs. Foley was 15 months old when her mother joined Mr. Gangloff at the new home, the other daughter, Mrs. Julius Roesch who also still lives in La Grande, having been born after their arrival here.

Other facts of interest—that Uncle Joe Palmer donated the land on which the present town was built when it was found necessary to build the town around the railroad, rather than south of here where the town was originally located—that the Bower sisters were responsible for the building of the first house in the new town—that the first hotel, the Blue Mountain House, was built on the location of the present Eagles hall—that Mr. Snodgrass, father of L. L. and J. G. Snodgrass, started the Gazette on the present location of the Blue Mountain Creamery—that the first store to open following the railroad's coming was owned by Mr. Wildy, the first restaurant by Will Ford—that Ben Grandy was the first mayor and that his successor was C. H. Finn who later moved to Portland. These and other interesting facts are related by Mrs. Foley from her memory of the early days here.

"Styles? Yes, they have changed, but I will admit that styles today are much more sensible if not too extreme." A beautiful old dress

A VIEW OF LA GRANDE TAKEN IN THE YEAR OF 1887



Here is an excellent photograph of new town when La Grande was young — three years after the railroad came here in 1884. The depot appears in the center, the yards at the right, and at the left may be seen the city's business section, fronting onto the untamed boggy streets of those days. This picture represents the beginning of the modern La Grande, the leading city in Eastern Oregon.

was produced to prove the point—padded shoulders, one petticoat made as a part of the long flowing skirt and (confidentially) the waist measured 21 inches which was quite a customary measurement for the well-corseted lady of the late nineteenth century.

Mrs. Foley relates also the incidents in connection with the one Indian uprising which occurred in the Grande Ronde valley and it was at this time—in about 1874—that Mr. Coggins, for whom an addition to the city was named—it was at this time that he was killed by the Indians. With a partner (Mr. Coggins was co-owner of the Pelican stage line from Boise) he had gone to Umatilla Landing on business and it was somewhere near Meacham on their return that these two men were attacked and killed by the red men before they were able to reach La Grande.

UNION COUNTY LARGE

The area of Union county is 2007 square miles, which is larger than some European nations.

MANY FARMS IN COUNTY

There are more than 1200 farms in Union county, the great majority of which are located in the fertile Grande Ronde valley.

BIG YIELD OF WHEAT

Eastern Oregon annually harvests between 18,000,000 and 20,000,000 bushels of wheat.

UNION CLAIMS TO BE FIRST TOWN IN COUNTY

Union, La Grande's neighbor 15 miles to the southeast, is the oldest municipality in this county, even though Ben Brown started the first cabin in Old Town before that time.

Actually, Union was laid out in the year 1863. There was only a handful of settlers there at that time, but a sufficiently large number to inaugurate the new town.

White men had been there previous to that time, in fact history notes that as early as 1852, the first wagon train went through and the members ate their Christmas dinner on Catherine creek.

They had been lost and were guided by an Indian girl from Boise to Union.

The year Union was laid out was one of the stormiest of the Civil war, and like every other community or group of people, large or small, there was a division of opinion, some favoring one side of the cause and some the other. When it came to the question of choosing a name for the new town the people gathered together and a vote was taken. Those in favor of the cause of the north were to vote for "Union," the others to select some name equally signi-

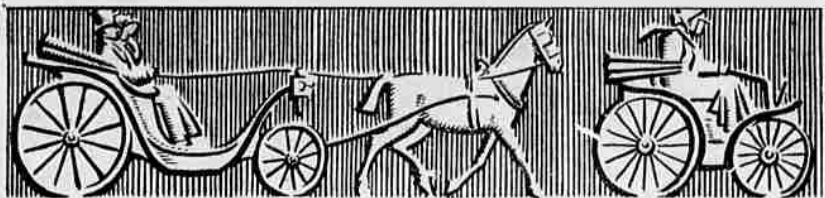
cant to the southern cause. When the votes were counted it was found that the northerners had won by the narrow margin of one ballot. And that's how Union received its name.

Today Union has much to be proud of, an active business section, fine schools, fine residential section, the home of the Eastern Oregon experiment station and other thriving industries.

VISITORS TO REGISTER

All former La Grander and Union county people here for the celebration are asked to register during the week at the chamber of commerce offices.

Cherries from the Cove district in the Grande Ronde valley near La Grande, are nationally known for size and flavor.



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La Grande



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