

INDIANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN PARADE, PAGEANT

Tribesmen to Add to Historical Interest of Celebration Events.

What is expected to be one of the outstanding features of the Semi-centennial U. P. celebration here next week will be the participation of a large group of Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walla Indians in the Friday morning parade to be held in downtown La Grande.

It will be the first time in 30 or more years that Indians have taken part in a parade in La Grande. In addition, the Indians will appear in the Saturday afternoon pageant at the La Grande stadium.

Thirty Indians from the Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walla

tribes will be here headed by Gilbert Minthorn, chairman of the Indian council at Cayuse.

The Indians are to camp on the Hubert Anderson place by the Grande Ronde river, and probably will arrive by next Tuesday. Their horses are being herded across the Blue mountains and are not expected until Wednesday, July 18.

The Indians will present—in full tribal regalia—a ceremonial dance in the pageant, and in addition four Indian women and girls will participate in the pageant.

These Indians have appeared for many years in the Pendleton Round-Up, but this will be their first appearance at a celebration in La Grande. Their costumes will be true to the period they represent, and no small amount of interest is attached to their coming visit.

LUMBERING RANKS AS A LEADING INDUSTRY HERE

One of the earliest industries of the Grande Ronde valley, one that was very necessary to the building and development of this section, is the lumbering industry, which still ranks as one of Union county's chief resources, with vast stands of uncut timber reaching out from La Grande in various directions.

Back in the year 1863 the first crude sawmills came into being over the valley, with one located in Mill canyon near Old Town, and others in various sections of the county.

But most of these lasted only for a comparatively short time, and it was not until 1890 when the first really large sawmill was established. It was a band mill and was established at Stump Town, later to be known as Perry, by Stanley and Smith, of Wisconsin, in the year 1890.

It operated there for many years until purchased by the late George Stoddard and C. W. Nibley, of Salt Lake City, some 12 years after it was established. The mill, which later became known as the Grande Ronde Lumber Co., operated at Perry until some eight years ago. Then in November, 1926, a decision was made to move the mill to a point near Medical Springs, and thus a new town in this county was created, which was named Ponderosa. The mill, transferred to the new location, has enjoyed a heavy production during the last

several years. Another of the larger sawmills in Eastern Oregon is the Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co. in La Grande, which began operations as the Palmer Lumber Co. in 1907. It became the Bowman-Hicks Co. about 1923 and since then has operated in Union and Wallawa counties, turning out many thousands of carloads of high grade lumber.

The last and largest sawmill to be erected in La Grande was the Mt. Emily Lumber Co., which is the largest pine mill in North-eastern Oregon. Construction on the mill was started just ten years ago and the first operation was on Nov. 30, 1925. Since then the company has enjoyed heavy production.

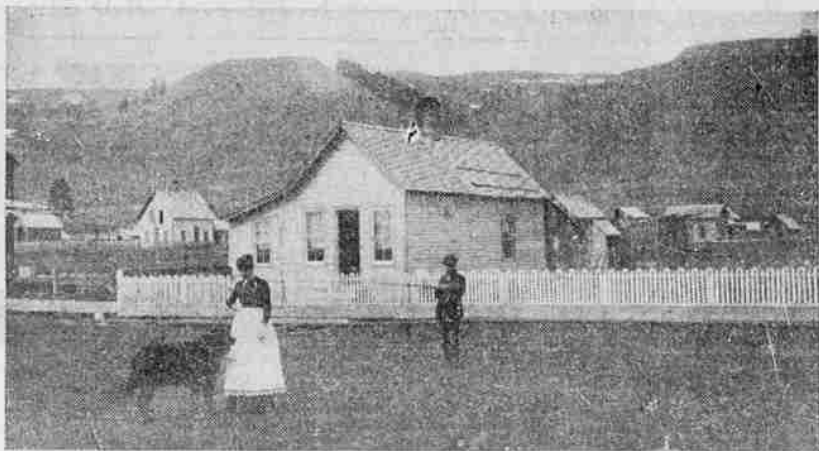
There also are mills at Elgin and Union, both doing a thriving business.

In general, the lumber industry has played an unusually important part in the development of the county, giving employment to thousands of men and sending products of this portion of Eastern Oregon to all sections of the globe.

MODERNISTIC FLOAT

The float to bear the queen and her attendants in the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration events will be of modernistic design, symbolizing the days of Indian romance, the days of pioneering and lastly, modern transportation.

AN EARLY DAY RESIDENCE HERE



The above residence, photographed a few years after the arrival of the railroad here in 1884, is that of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, who are pictured above with their dog. Observe the elaborate picket style fence in front of the house, which was at Fourth and Adams, on the site recently occupied by the Perkins Motor Co.

MRS. HARDING TELLS OF JULY 4 HERE IN 1864

"There was probably more excitement per capita when that train whistled for La Grande than any celebration before or since," said Mrs. Emma Harding, whose home at that particular time was on a ranch which borders on the present Fourth street but lay across the tracks from the Grandy place. Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Grandy are sisters, and their homes were the only two homes then in what was to be later New Town. "Everyone went to everything in those days, so of course I was there, but those events do not stand out in my mind like the first Fourth of July I spent here," Mrs. Harding continued.

"With my father's family, the Palmer's, I had come by wagon train from Mills county, Iowa. We arrived at Ladd Canyon on July 3, 1864 and camped on the hill near Old Town. There was a celebration with a parade planned for the following day by the few people who were living here. General Stevens, who had a hotel in Old Town, came over to see us and asked us girls to ride in the parade. Were we excited! And we rode. I was about 11 or 12, and we wore our little Shaker bonnets as we rode." Mrs. Harding also recalls subsequent Fourth's when the citizens all put their food together, ate at one long table and after they had finished, the Indians filled the tables and later

put on their war dance. Mrs. Harding's oldest son, Will, was the youngest conductor on the U. P. running from The Dalles to La Grande.

BREADTH OF VALLEY

The Grande Ronde valley formed by the several groups of the Blue Mountains includes a stretch of fertile land 35 miles long by sixteen miles, with natural irrigation from its patron river, the Grande Ronde, its chief tributary here Catherine creek and innumerable mountain creeks. In addition to the production of more than a million bushels of wheat annually, the valley is known nationally and internationally for the world-prize-winning sweet cherries, its apples in demand for export purposes and the production of small grain seeds one of the newer outstanding agricultural production developments.



The Saturday Night Bath in the Family Wash Tub —

That was a busy night for Ma at the old wood stove. First a kettle full for Nellie, then one for Jimmy — a couple kettles or a wash boiler full heated for Pa and last, one for herself, in order that the family might be properly cleaned on the surface at least and presentable for "meetin' day".

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