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PORTLAND LETTER.

Movement on to organize
Fruitgrowers--Big wheat
cargo--Jim Hill playing
Santa Claus.

Portland, Or., Dec. 15, (Special). Oregon's recent apple show was not only a great fruit exposition but it marked the beginning of a movement to organize the fruit growers of the whole Pacific Northwest on a practical basis for more profitable handling of their product. President Atwell included the suggestion in his annual address, and, as a result, a call will be issued by him in the next 60 days for a meeting at Portland where the matter will be gone into thoroughly.

Prominent apple growers, representing the various districts, will participate in the formation of the company, which will be along the lines of the raisin growers of the Sacramento Valley, the orange growers of Riverside, Cal., and the pear growers of the Rogue River Valley. Hopes are entertained that the organization to be formed will be a strong factor in bringing about better and more profitable market conditions for Northwest fruit growers.

The biggest wheat cargo ever sent away from the Columbia River was that taken the past week by the Norwegian tramp steamship, the Bjornstjerne Bjornsen, which sailed with 305,866 bushels for Europe. This is the second largest cargo of wheat ever loaded on the Pacific Coast.

Oregon has a population of 672,765, according to the figures of the thirteenth census, an increase of 62.7 per cent over ten years ago, when the state had 413,536. The increase in 20 years has been 114 per cent. The gain shown by the census figures entitles Oregon to another representation is increased, in accordance with custom.

James J. Hill, who has been playing Santa Claus to Oregon for the past few years and presenting the state with new railroads, will visit the state before Christmas, according to present plans, and will endeavor to show the appreciation Oregon feels for his part in the state's development. It is expected he will remain in this state several days.

Medford has a chance to crow over the showing made by the late census as disclosed in the reports recently issued. With one exception, says the census bureau, Medford shows the greatest percentage of growth of any

city in the United States during the last ten year period. The city that outdoes Medford is Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which has a percentage gain of 398. Medford's percentage of growth is 392 per cent.

The protected cruiser Boston has been ordered turned over to the Oregon Naval Reserve for use in maneuvers and in perfecting the training of the volunteer sailors who make up the organization. The cruiser will first be put in good condition, certain repairs being necessary to fit her for the purpose, and she will then be turned over to the Oregon Reserve to be used as an armory for the men and a training ship to teach naval service to those who have enlisted.

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We would like to tell you what is in store for Companion readers next year. We cannot do it here, though; there is not room. But send us your address on a postal card, and we will send you the beautiful Prospectus of The Companion for 1911, announcing many new features, together with sample copies of the paper.

We think you will agree, when you have read them, that there is no other paper that gives quite so much of such a high quality as The Companion.

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EARLY DAYS

In Southern Oregon, by James
H. Twogood.

(Continued from last week)

My dear kind friends, I cannot understand why Morris had to be taken away in the prime of his life when he was so good and did so much for suffering humanity. How much more he could have done had he been permitted to live, and I wonder why it is that so many bank robbers, murderers and grafters that are a menace to humanity at large, and can have no valid or reasonable excuse for existence, still roam over this earth, while some of God's noble men are called over the divide.

William B. Morris passed away August 23, 1887. His funeral was the largest ever held in Boise, and the floral offerings were the finest I ever saw. His friends here and all the employees of the Northwestern for 100 miles around were in attendance and it was one of the saddest funerals I ever witnessed.

In conclusion, dear reader, I hope you have not gone to sleep over my long article, which I trust has not been too tiresome, although I realize I am no writer, but just an old fogey in my dotage. I was 10 years old before matches were made, and burned tallow dips and lard in a cast iron saucer with a rag for a wick. There were no free public schools in my day. My last "skule" days were in Chicago. Sam Bennette was my teacher, and the school was at State and Madison streets. It was during the years 1842-3. I was the chief dunce in the school, having an impediment in my speech, my mouth balking whenever I wanted to say anything, so I was not allowed to get up on the floor with a class. I never could learn anything; I was always too much taken up with pretty girls, which I thought were the prettiest things on earth except a full-rigged ship. I still hold that opinion today, except in regard to the ship. My grammar was illustrated with cuts of a pen knife. There were some 75 boys in that school, many of whom in after years were the chief factors in the rebuilding of the great city of Chicago. Nearly all have crossed the great divide. There was Louis Kimberley, a natural born sailor, who in after years was made a rear admiral. He wrote me a very nice letter from his home near Boston during the war in Cuba. Jim Ballentine, the well-known stock raiser of Boise, was also a member of that school. Both are dead now. Out of the membership of

the old volunteer fire department, which I joined in 1845, I believe I am the only survivor, as I have been unable to locate any of the other members, and I kept in pretty close touch with them until recent years. At that time we had two hand engines and all our other apparatus was crude.

I have endeavored to give a brief history of the pioneers and upbuilders of southern Idaho and Oregon, but I cannot remember the names of more than one out of a hundred of my old friends who have passed away. Among those who were identified with the rebuilding of this great empire were: Colonel John E. Ross, whom I knew in Chicago, Colonel Foudry, Mike Hanly, Chambers, John Love, Colonel T'Vault, Ambrose, Hardin, Sim Oldham, Dr. Cleveland, Dr. Rose, Bill Bybee, H. Klippell, Huffman, Burpee, Judge Tolman, Helmy Judge, George E. Briggs, George A. Logan, Althous, Kerby, Doc, Holton, J. V. R. Witt, Harkness brothers, Umpqua, Barney E. Simmons, John Redfield, John Fortune, Hardy and Tom Elliff, Dan Levens, the Joe Knott family, John Fullerton, Abe Gazley, Sam Gordon, John Boyle, Sol Abraham, Asher Marks, Aaron Rose, Merritt Oppenheimer, Thompson, General Joe Lane, Creed Flood, L. F. Mosher, Walton, Perry, Jones, Dick Dearborn, Bradbury, Colonel Joseph Hooker, a Massachusetts Yankee, who built one of our first roads and was a well-known general in the Civil war in 1862; Willamette, Applegate, Captain Jim Neswith, who won his rank in 1853, was made colonel in 1855, and was later a United States senator; Thomas J. Dryer, who first started the Oregonian Henry Corbett, a United States senator from Portland (the last time I saw him was in the Chicago convention which nominated Grant for president and Colfax for vice president); Attorney General George H. Williams; Dave Thompson, who surveyed my ranch in southern Oregon in 1854; Al Thompson, his who for many years was a surveyor in Boise; and there was John McBride, a promising young lawyer from the land of the webfoot. He came down south in the month of May, 1854, stumping the territory, as he wanted to be a delegate to congress on the whig ticket. This was the first election ever held in southern Oregon, which was all Jackson county then. The whigs carried the county. I next met Judge John R. McBride in Boise in 1870. He was superintendent during the construction of the United States assay office. He lived here for many years and his brother-in-law, A. Smith, a lawyer, died here many years ago. Some years ago McBride wrote a very clever article on the early settlement of Silver City and the battle for gold, where Marlon Moore, Lockhart and others were killed. H.H. Beachy, and many others mixed in the fray.

Creed Flood of Roseburg married General Joe Lane's daughter. His two sons, Fred and Creed Flood, are citizens of Boise today. George Haynes, a partner of Creed Flood, was one of those jolly, whole-souled, big-hearted, congenial sort of chaps that it was a pleasure to know. He passed away a years ago. Judge S. F. Chadwick and A. R. Flint, who ran the land office; John D. Bowen, S. W. Crane, father of A. A. Crane of north Idaho; Howe, George and LeRoy Whitmore and hundreds of others whose names I have forgotten, have all crossed the great divide and, looking back over the past years and seeing the ranks of the pioneers thinning annually, makes me feel lonesome.

My thinker is getting decidedly defective, but I want to live long enough to write up the big Indian war of 1855-56 from its beginning on October 9, 1855, to its close in June 1856. It was the biggest war on the Pacific coast, and, incidentally, about that time I had a thrilling ride for life. There were several hundred white men killed and wounded and quite a number of women. I guess I am the only one left who can write up this war from the southern part, as our place at that time was in the center, and was headquarters for the southern battalion and was known as Fort Leland.

Now, to go back to the Ridenbaugh canal. That ditch caused lots of expense and trouble last year. The dirt embankment directly south of the city gave way and washed out for a long distance. A big force of men and teams was put to work night and day until the gap was filled up and the water again turned in, when down it came again and the shortage of water caused by the two breaks caused the ranchmen in this section to lose about \$15,000 in crops. It was then decided to fix the place right, and early this spring a big force of men and teams was put to work shaping the banks to line them with cement. It required

about as much work to get the banks in shape as it did to put in the cement, as they had to be slanted on an angle of about 45 degrees. Some 12 to 18 were employed hauling sand, gravel and cement by the earload. After everything was in readiness for the cement work it stormed for about 10 days and nothing could be accomplished, yet the contract called for the completion of the job on April 20, and the time was fast approaching. It began to look bad for the contractors, but everything went all right, and with a big force of men the job was finished on time. All the available men that could be mustered were put to work. There were fully 100 on the job and the expenses were \$1000 per day. Concrete mixers were located at each end of the gap and no time was lost. The men worked every Sunday, and are lights were put over the canal, the wires being strung from trees, and a force worked at night. The canal is now 10 feet wide on the bottom and 31 feet 6 inches across the top. I took a view of the work on April 18 and there was still a big gap to fill, and I did not think it possible to complete the work on the date agreed upon, but a few minutes before midnight on April 20 the last trowel of cement was put on the bottom, and a finer or more beautiful job of cement work has never been done in the northwest. In all 4064 feet of cement was put in, and next spring it is proposed to put in 9000 feet more, thus eliminating all possible chances for further breaks in the big canal.

My thinker is beginning to desert me at the age of 84, but if the lamp holds out I will write up one more piece, "A Ride for Life," which I will illustrate with cuts of my pen knife, as illustrations are a fad and no newspaper or magazine article is complete without them. J. H. TWOGOOD.

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AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Plans extension of experiment
work. Southern Oregon to
have station.

Practically every part of the state of Oregon will be benefitted by the plan for the extension of experiment work in all phases of horticulture and agriculture which is now under consideration by President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College and the authorities at Washington. The plan will be submitted to the regents of the College at a meeting which will be held within the next two weeks. In all probability the regents will approve the plan and it will then be ready for presentation to the legislature at its next meeting.

While at Washington Dr. Kerr presented his plans to the officials of the various departments and secured their cooperation. The Federal officials have agreed to give material financial support and have offered the services of their experts.

The plan includes extensive experiments in irrigation in the Willamette Valley. The experiments will be carried on in cooperation with farmers and fruit growers at such points in the Valley as will best test the varying conditions. This may necessitate work in as many as fifteen different communities in the Valley. It will include investigations of methods of irrigation and testing of soils, drainage, adaptability of various kinds of farming and the time and methods of tillage.

Harney Valley, or some other locality in the central part of Oregon, will probably be the location for another experiment station. The two or three million acres of land which will be opened up by the building of railroads into this section and which are now almost entirely unproductive will, by means of experimental work, be redeemed and made productive. This will be a station at which the problems of dry farming will be studied exclusively.

Some point in southern Oregon will also be selected as a site for an experiment station which will be a center

for extensive operations throughout that section of the state. The officials at Washington have expressed themselves as favorable to the station at that point and are now at work on the plans. This station will take up not only the study of the various branches of horticulture but will also make extensive investigations along all agricultural lines. The station authorities will cooperate with the farmers and fruit growers in this section in the solution of whatever problems may present themselves.

Dr. Kerr believes that if these plans meet with the approval of the legislature and receive the support of the people of the state the agricultural products of the state will be increased many millions of dollars.

The experimental work which is to be carried on through these stations will be under the control of the College and will be conducted by experts of the College Experiment Station and the Federal Government. The great variety of soils, climate, elevation and other natural conditions make this state a rich field for experimental work. The fact that the state is being settled very extensively at this time by people who are not familiar with the conditions makes the experimental work of exceptional value to the state.

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Wallawa county man sold 1700 acres of land and 58 horses for \$23,000.

The monthly payroll of a Black Rock, Polk county, sawmill is \$5700.

In a well 327 feet deep near Madras, water was struck and rose 90 feet.

The Coos Bay region log booms contain about 8,000,000 feet of timber.

Dallas people voted about 5 to 1 for a larger and improved water system.

Bethel school district, Polk county, has dedicated a fine three room school-house.

Rex Lampham, publisher of the Gold Hill News, has installed a new cylinder press and last week enlarged his paper from a five column, quarto, with patent inside, to a six column quarto, all home print. He deserves liberal local support.

A Roseburg real estate man, who visited Chicago land show, estimates that on account of that occasion 25,000 people have been placed in touch with the conditions in Roseburg and the Umpqua valley, while 30,000 others have received pieces of literature telling of the advantages and resources that abound in that section.

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