

MEDICAL LAKE, W. T.

This pretty and most peculiar sheet of water deserves a great deal more than the passing notice I can here bestow upon it. Surrounded by heavy bull pines, and in the midst of a fine grazing and fair agricultural country, Medical lake has escaped the eye of the explorer for many years, because around it the Indians perpetually cluster, and the redskins by no means extended any welcome to the new-comer, whose hair, indeed, as a rule, they summarily remove.

About eight years ago, however, the noble reds temporarily retired from Medical lake, on the approach of a detachment of U. S. soldiers, and Mr. Andrew Le Fevre, a French Canadian, happening to cross from Montana with a flock of sheep badly afflicted with the scab, camped on its banks. The sheep took kindly to the water, which Le Fevre found of a sour taste and slightly purgative nature; but to his astonishment the sheep, in ten days, were quite cured of scab, and it dawned on the new settler that the water contained medical properties. Mr. Le Fevre's left arm was then so badly paralyzed as to be incapable of voluntary motion, and it occurred to him that bathing in these waters might arrest the progress of the disease. Not only did it do so, but the afflicted limb was in a few weeks restored to health, though the swelling at the elbow—caused, I believe, by rheumatic gout—remained, and does to this day.

Poor as he was, Le Fevre bought a lot of land on the shores of the lake, and, despite the Indian objections, which he combatted by feeding them liberally during the hard winters, he maintained his position, and is, to-day, owing to the fast spreading local celebrity of these curative waters, quite wealthy. For piles the lake proved an absolute cure; almost all skin diseases, especially those of the scalp, give way before its healing application, and soon lots 50 by 55 feet in the village of Medical Lake—the first house of which was built but one year ago—went to £10, and even £20.

Now that the Northern Pacific will run within nine miles of the place—through Cheney station—Medical lake will be accessible to the world by rail next June. [Cars are now running.—Ed.] The weak point in the business

is the hotel, which affords, besides a shockingly bad cuisine, so little accommodation, that I am informed about one thousand people camped out here this summer. The bath houses are fair enough, and very clean.—*Cor. of London Field.*

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NINTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF OREGON—ORDER OF EXERCISES.

The ninth annual reunion of the Pioneer Association of Oregon will be held at McMinnville, June 15th. The following is the programme of the day:

Procession will form near the railroad depot, under the direction of Grand Marshal A. Zieber, at 11 A. M., and march by route designated by the committee to the stand, in the following order:

Marshal and Aids.

National Flag.

Band.

Grand Standard Bearers.

Esquire Ebert, assisted by Ben. Cornelius and J. W. Garrison.

Chaplain and Orator.

President and Officers of the Society. Members of the Association who came to the Territory previous to 1841.

The following named gentlemen will act as standard bearers:

1840.—Amos Cook, Yamhill county.

1841.—W. T. Jones, Yamhill county.

1842.—T. J. Shadden, Yamhill county.

1843.—N. K. Sitton, Yamhill county.

1844.—John Minto, Marion county.

1845.—Stephen Staats, Polk county.

1846.—David Guthrie, Polk county.

1847.—R. V. Short, Clackamas county.

1848.—Horace Lyman, Washington county.

1849.—A. P. Ankeny, Multnomah county.

1850.—Werner Breyman, Marion county.

1851.—T. W. Davenport, Marion county.

1852.—E. C. Hadaway, Yamhill county.

1853.—R. W. Philips, Yamhill county.

1854.—

SERVICES AT THE STAND.

1st.—Prayer by the chaplain.

2d.—Opening address by the president.

3d.—Music by the band.

4th.—Annual address by Hon. W. C. Johnson.

5th.—Music.

6th.—Recess one hour.

7th.—Occasional address by M. Crawford, on emigration of 1842.

After which short volunteer speeches will be in order.

Election of officers will take place immediately after the close of the volunteer speeches.

The camp fires will be lighted at 8 o'clock, P. M., near the stand, at which all old pioneers are earnestly requested to be present.

The grand pioneer ball will commence at 8:30 o'clock, in the large and commodious warehouse

at McMinnville, to which all are cordially invited. Ball tickets, \$1.50.

The secretary will be in attendance at the pavilion during the day and evening, to receive dues and applications for membership, and to issue certificates of attendance for return tickets.

CAMP SPOKAN.

This post is situated near the mouth of the Spokane river, on a large flat beautifully timbered. Grand scenery is to be found all along the river, which winds its way through large and grotesque rocks, and then again through meadows covered with fine grass and flowers of all colors. The post itself is yet in its origin, and officers and men live, as yet, in shanties or tents, but several buildings are already in course of construction, and will very likely be completed before winter. The saw mill is working with all its power, and a brick yard has also been started. Spokane Falls, the nearest postoffice, is 65 miles from here (the new military road will shorten the distance some ten or twelve miles), and the mail comes from there twice a week.

It cannot be doubted that this place has a great future, as the N. P. railroad comes within 40 miles of it, and our station will be at the great falls of the Spokane. The land has been considered excellent for farming. Furthermore, some rich silver ore has been found within four miles of this post, also lead and copper, and several claims are worked.—*Cor. N. P. News.*

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT.

The manufacturers of agricultural machinery and farming implements are evidently going to make a huge display at the forthcoming annual exhibition of the State Agricultural Society of Salem. D. M. Osborne & Co., of New York, and Frank Bros., of Michigan, have already secured a large amount of space for their displays, and now comes J. I. Case & Co., of Racine, Wis., who will exhibit their improved threshers, horse powers, portable steam engines, and a variety of other articles of their manufacture. The display this year of farm implements will be varied enough to interest everybody, and give the yeomanry of the valley an opportunity to select such machinery as they may want for the coming harvest.

Every printer is a galley slave. Yes, and his wife is the gal he slaves for.