

WEDDED MANY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Married 55 Years Ago.

NEARING DIAMOND JUBILEE

This Aged Couple Crossed the Plains in 1852, and Have Long Resided in This Part of Oregon—Some Reminiscences.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, early settlers of Oregon, will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary February 1. Mr. Walker crossed the plains with a mule team in quest of gold, prospecting for three years in Nevada, California and Jackson county, Southern Oregon, but not finding gold in paying quantities, decided to till the soil for his future vocation. Coming to this section, he took up a donation claim four miles east of here, where he lived 16 years, going from here to Walker Station, his present home. During the second year of his residence on his homestead he was married to Miss Jane Chrisman, daughter of Campbell Chrisman, then the wealthiest man in Lane county.

During the early part of 1853, while prospecting in Southern Oregon, Mr. Walker was obliged to subsist six weeks on beef without bread on account of a heavy snowstorm. As soon as the roads were passable he went to Jacksonville, and to his dismay found they were out of flour there. When the first pack train reached that place, the people were on the verge of desperation for bread stuffs. The citizens and miners quickly purchased the packers' stock of flour at \$1 per pound. The flour, however, was closely guarded and equally distributed. After leaving Jacksonville, coming north, he was unable to procure more flour until he met Hugh Fields' pack train in the Umpqua Valley and paid \$1 per pound there, but the flour was so poor, being made from smutty wheat, it made him sick.

From his donation claim he hauled his bacon by ox team to Portland, taking two weeks to make the trip, purchasing provisions and clothing enough to last the family one year, also purchasing his flour at Crawfordsville, Linn county, paying \$16 per hundred for it and afterwards exchanging their wheat for flour at Cloverdale. While living on his homestead he went in the fishing business with Halo Tish, chief of the Calapooia Indian tribe. They constructed a crude fish trap on Row River. Mr. Walker would take the catch one day and Halo Tish would take the next, but Halo Tish would take all the eels, which were a favorite food with his tribe. The Indians at that time were friendly and when Mr. Walker was too busy to go to the trap, Halo would take Mr. Walker's share of fish to him. Walker Station was named after these old pioneers after the railroad was built through this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have five grown children living: Mrs. Martha Wiseman, Weiser, Idaho; Mrs. N. B. Walden, Minnesota; J. W. Walker, Waldport, Or.; Ewing and George, at Walker, Or. Mr. Walker is quite wealthy.—Telegram.

Another Dry Goods Store.

Mr. S. L. Shore of Spokane has leased the store building at the corner of Main and Fifth streets and will open therein an up-to-date dry goods emporium within the ensuing fortnight. Mr. Shore, while in Cottage Grove this week, expressed faith in the future growth of this city and its tributary territory, and believes that it is destined to become one of the populous localities of the Northwest. He was formerly engaged in business in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has had wide experience in the dry goods trade.

Women Who Have Succeeded.

The Pacific Monthly published in Portland is getting up a special story concerning women who have succeeded in the West. Have we not two or three instances from Cottage Grove which are worthy of mention? If you are interested, take the matter up with the publisher of The Sentinel. Cottage Grove has many ladies who have had varied experiences, so let us know about them. Others will like to read the accounts, too.

County Commissioners Here.

The county commissioners came up from Eugene Monday evening, and on Tuesday made a trip up the Row river valley, accompanied by Messrs. Spray and Stewart. The court viewed the site of the proposed bridge across the Row river, and investigated road matters beyond that point, the purpose being to straighten out some special tax matters. The court will probably make a proposition to the road district for the construction of the bridge.

Convention Is Planned.

The southern Oregon leaders of the movement to carve a new state out of southern Oregon and northern California, to be known as Siskiyou, are active with arrangements to call a convention

to devise ways and means. According to present plans the convention will gather in Yreka, Siskiyou county, California, not later than March 15, and remain in session three days. Prominent men from all of the territory affected have signified a willingness to attend and aid in the movement. As planned, the new state will embrace seven California counties and five Oregon counties.

Henry T. Finch, writing for Scribner's Magazine, under the caption of "The Progressive Pacific Coast," gives some interesting information that is well worth reading. He says:

"Commercially, the biggest things in Oregon, the things which build up its wealth, are salmon, fruit and lumber. Formerly it was wheat, in place of fruit, but wheat growing shows a decrease, as it does in California, and for the same reason; the wheat land, given up to fruit or hops will yield twenty times as much money. In salmon there has been a retrogression of late, but simply because the foolish Columbia river fishermen killed the fish which laid the golden eggs. As soon as the law is enforced the salmon will again be plentiful in the Columbia as they were last summer in the neighboring state of Washington, where all records were broken, thousands of tons escaping the can because the fishermen, working twenty-four hours a day could not trap or net them. In a good year like that, the salmon catch is worth several million dollars to Washington.

"What their trees are worth to these two states is almost incredible; the figures give one a dizzy feeling. To Oregon alone its timber interests are worth sixty million dollars annually. There is now standing in this state three hundred billion feet of merchantable timber which, at the present rate of cutting, would last one hundred and twenty years. According to the State Board of Forestry, the commercial value of Oregon's standing timber is three billion six hundred million dollars, a sum in excess of the total amount of money in currency in the United States at present. Great progress has been made in recent years in eliminating wasteful methods of lumber and in fighting forest fires; in 1908 there were one hundred and eighty fire wardens in the state, and there was a noticeable decrease in the number of great fires.

The inhabitants of the Emerald state are at last beginning to realize the value of their trees. This implies a great change—an aspect of Oregon psychology on which it would be interesting to dwell. To the early settlers in this state trees were hated objects. These pioneers needed clearings to plant their vegetables and wheat, and the trees had to be exterminated laboriously.

State Grocers Convene.

The retail grocers' state convention at Eugene on Wednesday and Thursday was largely attended from throughout Oregon, and the program for the entertainment of the visitors was complete in every detail. The affair closed last night with a banquet. Messrs. Lurch, Brund, Burkholder, Wallace, Spray, Kinter, Tyson, Wheeler, Simeral and Kerr were the delegates from the Cottage Grove Merchants' Protective association.

Easterner Makes Big Money.

Six years ago an eastern man purchased a 20-acre tract of land near Wenatchee, Washington, paying \$4500 therefor. His neighbors thought he was weak minded, but when the other day he parted with the land planted to fruit trees for \$39,000 they sat up and took notice. The land in this territory is just as good as at Wenatchee, so say those who have investigated it.

Entertain at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wheeler entertained a party of friends at 6 o'clock dinner on Tuesday, an elegant three-course repast being daintily served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lundy, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tyson, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Conner and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson.

Basketball Tomorrow Night.

The Nesmith basketball team will meet the Junction City team at the Armory tomorrow evening, when an interesting contest may be expected. Each of these teams has won a game and this will be the "nubber." After the game the team will give a dance for which good music has been provided.

Woodard Mill Leased.

The Woodard mill, near Cottage Grove, was leased on Tuesday to J. H. Chambers, who will henceforth operate the same. Mr. Woodard has entered into an arrangement with the new owner to supply logs for the mill.

Binger's Friends Are Staunch.

Twenty-five or more Roseburg friends of Binger Hermann, headed by J. W. Perkins and E. L. Parrot, passed through Cottage Grove Wednesday night for Portland to hear the closing arguments and demonstrate their loyalty to the defendant.

Closed Season For Salmon.

The Willamette River and its tributaries, below and north of the falls, will be closed to salmon fishing between March 1 and May 1. It will be unlawful to fish for salmon during that period.

COURT REFUSES TO ACT

Eugene Would Have Commissioners Head County Fight.

HEATED DISCUSSION IN CAMP

"The Proposed Dismemberment" of Southern Lane Must Be Without Assistance of Judge Thompson, Whose Stand Provokes Ire.

Judge Thompson has refused to take any active part in the county division now before the people, and as a result there is "something doing" in Eugene. The Commercial club of the county seat thought County Judge Thompson and the commissioners should lead the fight Eugene is making against the proposed division, and his Honor's stand on the question provoked a heated discussion. S. C. Williams and E. M. Wilkins contended that the commission should exert itself to prevent "the proposed dismemberment" while Col. J. M. Williams defended that body.

The Commercial club, which is supposedly composed of fair-minded business men, should be ashamed of its action in this respect. The county commission, is, or at least should be, as much interested in Southern Lane county as in Eugene and the territory immediately surrounding it so long as this territory is within the bounds of Lane, and to ask the court to discriminate against it officially is considered low down and crafty. The people of proposed Nesmith county only ask a fair, open and above-board fight, devoid of misrepresentations and trickery, but with or without it there is every reason to believe that its undertaking will be successful, the general sentiment throughout the state being favorable to its cause. The Commercial club of Eugene is undoubtedly a powerful organization, but its influence with the people must wane if it stoops to methods of the character indicated above.

MEETING IS POSTPONED.

Baseball Fans Fail to Connect Last Night—Counter Attraction.

A meeting of the baseball enthusiasts of Cottage Grove was held on Saturday evening, when a temporary organization was perfected, and other preliminary work toward the formation of an association for the coming season were perfected. An adjournment was taken to last night, but owing to a counter attraction the meeting was necessarily postponed.

It is proposed to form an association to finance the team, the organization to have full and complete control of the financial end of its affairs throughout the season, the shareholders to be reimbursed from earnings, and any monies remaining in the treasury to be divided equally among the players. This would place the team on a sound financial basis, and remove the difficulty of raising money without a "promise to pay." It is believed that a sufficient number of baseball fans will subscribe for a stock under the proposed plan to secure suitable enclosed grounds and provide a fund to start the ball rolling.

A Trigger Is a Trigger.

What is the difference between a hair trigger and any other kind of trigger? Very little, except that one responds more quickly and to a more delicate touch than the other. It puts the weapon into action more easily and more promptly. There are many lives that are equipped with a hair trigger attachment to the mind. You've observed them, only perhaps you never looked at them in this light before. Authors, in writing the biographies of this sort of men, refer frequently to their poise. It is the same thing exactly. The element in the revolver that insures quick, accurate action, is the hair trigger; the element in the man that insures quick, accurate action is—poise.

Many men with an abundance of physical strength, mental power and ambition fail to reach their goal because they lack that one necessary element. The ability to see the right thing at the right time is a valuable possession for any man; but the ability to see the right thing and do the right thing at the right time is infinitely more valuable. The beauty of it all is, that such ability may be acquired, and the pity of it all is that so many of us are too indolent to acquire it. Man's brain is as subject to development as any part of his body. Men have been known to spend months of their lives teaching their ears to wag like a donkey's. The likeness in these cases are not confined to the ears. Brain training is as much of a reality as muscle building. You can attach a hair trigger to your mind if you will go about it with determination. The world is looking for men who see the right thing and do the right thing at the right time.

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