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TOWN AND COUNTY.

SOLITARY AND ALONE.

The Last Remaining Female of a Once Numerous and Powerful Tribe.

The squaw "Nellie," who, with her two children, Louisa and William, at present occupies a house on the mill property, is the only female left of the once proud "Macanoutona" tribe which once, and up to 1857, occupied a tract of country on Rogue river ten miles above its mouth. In 1851 the tribe numbered 400 warriors. In 1857 what was left of the tribe was removed to Siletz Reservation where there only now remain 14 bucks, which, with Nellie make 15 all told, which live to recount the former glory and achievements of the famed Macanoutonas. Alas! they have all gone to the happy hunting ground beyond.

Nellie is the daughter of the Chief, "Salsick," who died at Siletz some twelve years since. She is now in the enjoyment of her "third term" as a grass widow. Her last husband is said to be up at the Bay somewhere. Her father was a cousin to old "Whiskers," chief of the Sixes.

From her long contact with the whites, and being endowed by nature with a good degree of intelligence, Nellie is civilized quite beyond the average of her kind.

She responds promptly to standing engagements to wash each week for various families, and is altogether industrious. She dresses after the manner of her pale sisters, and, judged by her build and carriage, she will readily be mistaken for a white woman passing along by one who does not get a glimpse of her face. She dresses her little girl and boy with exquisite taste, keeping them tidy and clean.

Her little girl, aged nine years, is a pupil in J. B. Tiehenor's school, and is quite up with children of like age and opportunities in her studies. In deportment she is not excelled. Mr. T., the teacher, says that if all children would conduct themselves as well, teaching would be shorn of its chief embarrassing angularity.

An Antiquated Newspaper.

Capt. Lorentzen handed us a fac simile of the "Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser," dated August 20, 1773, which, as to both matter, and manner of its get up, is a rare treat for a modern printer to contemplate. At the time this superannuated number was printed, there was no postoffice in Baltimore, and letters from Philadelphia and other points were left at a tavern by chance travelers coming to town. The columns of the Journal are wide, and the advertisements are set up in a very quaint form. The type used mainly is Long Primer Old Style, and, as we have the same type, we will, in our next, give the readers of The Post some extracts and one of the ads., exactly as they appear in this rare, old paper.

Returned.

Chilson the jeweler has returned from Ellensburg, and is at work on orders awaiting him on his return. He will stop here the remainder of the week.

New Map.

Surveyor Fitzhugh has just completed a map of the country lying between Port Orford and Jackson and Douglas counties, the same evincing creditable engineering skill. Lines for railroads are traced connecting Port Orford and Jackson county and also Roseburg, with this point. The distance to Jacksonville on an air line is about 80 miles, and to Roseburg a fraction less. The former place is about 28 miles south of a due east course from here, while the latter point is near the like distance north of such line. To Roseburg there is an ascertained route for a railroad of rare practicability while to Jacksonville a portion of the proposed line has not been definitely explored. For a distance of twenty five miles up Sixes river from this point, the same line would subserve both the Jacksonville and Roseburg roads. To Big Meadows, from Port Orford on the Jacksonville route some sixty miles, the adaptability of the country for a railroad has been ascertained; from that point on, it is assumed that there are persons on the other side possessing a knowledge of the topography of the country the remainder of the distance. One of the routes to Roseburg indicated on this map, (and an eminently practicable one) takes in the mouth of the Coquille, while another one follows up Sixes river and makes across to the South Coquille, crossing to the middle fork, to Camas Valley, and on through a pass to Looking Glass creek and on to Roseburg.

Clearing Ground.

Mr. Knapp is extending the area of his meadow lands east of town by additional clearing. He is making a clean sweep on the crest of the hill by taking trees and stumps by the roots. A heavy undertaking, but it pays.

That Gate.

A new and novel use for a gate this side of Ellensburg was adopted by Mrs. Chilson on her way up Saturday. She swung the gate ajar, her horse passed through, and she lingered aft, standing erect in the road.

Astronomical.

Six eclipses four-of the sun and two of the moon—are forecasted for the year 1880. The sun and also the moon are substantially eclipsed in these, oftener than that in other parts—by smoke from forest fires.

The Wanderer.

We learn that the boat Wanderer has been at Point St. George for several days, being unable to proceed to Chetco for which place she started a few days since with a load of freight.—Crescent City Courier.

One Degree in Length.

Curry county is sixty miles long, from north to south, down the Coast. She has three harbors, viz: Port Orford, Ellensburg and Chetco, besides a shelter of rock at Three Sisters.

The Most Neatly Printed.

The Port Orford Post comes to us regularly as an exchange, and is one of the most neatly printed and ably edited papers that we receive.—Crescent City Courier.

A Letter of Inquiry.

P. M.—DEAR SIR:—I intend moving into Oregon this Fall; would like to know what the country is like in Curry county. Is there any Government land on Rogue river? Is the land mostly prairie or is it timbered? Is it adapted for stock raising or for grain? What is the price of land improved, as also wages for labor? Please give me what information you can. Are there any Seventh Day Adventists near you? Your Friend,

H. W. MILLER,

State Center, Marshall Co., Iowa.

The above letter was handed us by Postmaster Wolcott, and we will proceed briefly to answer it through the medium of THE POST, as the questions therein contained are quite similar in import to those frequently propounded by letter to various persons of our vicinity.

There is an immense area of Government land—much of it unsurveyed—in the county, a good portion of it on Rogue river.

Mostly timbered.

Well adapted for stock raising purposes. Sheep and cattle flourish "on a thousand hills."

Improved lands range from five to, say twenty-five dollars per acre. No fixed rate of wages for common labor, as there is no great present demand for this class of service. During the canning season, and in sheep-shearing and harvest time, wages are two dollars per day. Of course the demand for labor is yearly increasing.

There is no organized society of "Seventh Day Adventists" in the county.

The general outlook of the county is good. The best natural harbor north of San Francisco on the Pacific Coast is located here, and the Government is taking steps looking to its improvement for a Harbor of Refuge. Such a work completed, the time will not be distant when a large commercial city will occupy this spot.

Game and fish abound.

Climate equable, the whole county well watered, and unsurpassed for healthfulness.

Surveyed and unsurveyed public lands are alike subject to location and occupation by actual settlers.

Considerable quantities of bottom lands along various streams yet untaken.

With industry, courage and energy, one can gradually lay the foundation for independence here.

Looking Southward.

A general and vigorous effort is being made in Jackson county and part of Douglas for a line of communication southwestward to the Coast. Their present objective point is Crescent City, and the means proposed, a wagon road. With the completion of railroads to Port Orford from Jackson county and Roseburg, two of the finest grain and stock sections on the Coast, will have a permanent outlet to the best harbor on the Coast. After this event the progress of development in the counties of Douglas, Jackson and Lake will be rapid, and their great future assured.

Failed to Come.

The Coos Bay News of the 4th has, thus far, failed to reach Port Orford. Where did it stray off to?

CORRESPONDENCE.

Floras Creek.

EDITOR POST:—

Thinking a few lines from this place might be acceptable, I thought I would send along a few, and if any of them Fitzhugh, please give them room. Though we seem to be a Thrift(y) community, we yet Long for better times, and we are anxious to see the Harbor of Refuge and railroad. We have a Carman here already, but he has no cars to run. When that glorious day arrives, I suppose everything will be on the Russell, and things in general done up Brown. If you ever chance to visit this place, you will be apt to hear the Cox shrill clarion before you get out of the woods. Sheep are profitable stock to raise in this country, but as the Frenchman would say, a good many of them have "done Bennett up" by the bears; the old Duffe(y)s come down from the mountains, and "go for" the sheep; its almost a bootless task and a Schumaker himself couldn't keep good boots and follow the business. Our Road Supervisor is out with a small force trying to improve the condition of the roads; he thinks by putting in better Culver(ts), the road will be passable for the Coleman's cart. We had church here the other day but had very poor singing. I would suggest that the preacher give out Annie (Lyle) next time if he wants to hear us sing. We sometimes hunt the elk and deer up here, but our ambition is usually satisfied with hunting the Hare.

If you see a Floras Creek hunter you will know him by the Blacklock on his gun.

Alls Well(s) that ends well.

SPAKESHEARE.

Curious Deer Horn.

While out hunting a few days since, Will Lake killed a deer possessing a pair of horns, which for incongruity and singularity, beats anything in that line we have ever seen. One horn was about ten inches in length, perfectly flat, and still retained the velvet; while the other was nearly two feet long, shorn of its velvet, and had four prongs.

Real Estate for Sale.

In every locality in all countries, there are always homes, wild lands, town property, etc., for sale. On this Coast it has been the rule that, in localities most prosperous and promising, there will be more places put upon the market than there will be in localities less favored, since, in the latter case the inducement to offer for sale is absent, as no adequate price can be realized for lands in a country which does not attract incomers.

EQUALIZATION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will meet the taxpayers of Curry county, at Ellensburg, Monday, August 30, 1880, at which time the County Board of Equalization will be in session, to correct any errors or omissions in the assessment for 1880, that may be then and there pointed out to the satisfaction of said Board.

S. CULVER, Assessor.

LEGAL.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT }
ROSEBURG, OR., July 12, 1880. }
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on
Saturday, August 28, 1880,

At the Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, viz: CARL J. JOHANNESEN. Pre-emption Declaratory Statement, No. 3252, for lots 3, 5, 6 and 7, and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 5, T. 35, S. R. 14 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Louis Knapp, James Forty, William Lake and Asher Post all of Port Orford, Curry county, Ogn.
9 W. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT }
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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof on
Saturday, August 21, 1880,

Before the Judge or Clerk of the Court of Curry county, viz: SAMUEL H. SMITH. Homestead Application No. 2220, for the N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and S 1/2 of NE 1/4, Sec. 5, T. 32, S. R. 15 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: I. R. Mecum of Bandon, Coos county, and William Cox, G. W. Jenkins and J. W. Unican of Port Orford, Curry county, Oregon.
9 W. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT }
ROSEBURG, OR., July 28, 1880. }
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof on
Wednesday, September 15, 1880,

Before the Judge or Clerk of the Court of Curry county, viz: I. P. Ross. Pre-emption Declaratory Statement, No. 2407 for lots 3 and 4 section 22, and lots 4 and 5 section 23, T. 41, S. R. 13 West, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: A. H. Moore and Robert Walker of Ellensburg, and S. H. Lake and Marion Jordan of Chetco, all of Curry county, Oregon.
11 Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT }
ROSEBURG, OR., July 23, 1880. }
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof on
Saturday, September 11, 1880,

At the U. S. Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, viz: JOSEPH J. WOOD. Pre-emption Declaratory Statement, No. 3259, for the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, section 34, T. 39, S. R. 14 West, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Fred. Moore of Ellensburg, S. A. Richerson, G. P. Weir and Raleigh Scott of Chetco, Curry county, Oregon.
11 Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.