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THOSE BROOKINGS PELICANS

It is a pleasure—genuine pleasure—to watch the Brookings Pelicans play baseball, for they put forth plenty of effort, the kind all fans like. And, this much may also be said: the bunch of baseball players Pete Lesmeister has assembled is about as clean a bunch of athletes that has ever seen the good fortune of any manager, anywhere, regardless of the league.

Sunday, against Rogue River, although Brookings won by a 12 to 0 score, the game was one of those affairs which had the fans all on edge the entire time. Even if Astin was stingy, he never had an inning when there wasn't a threat. However, his teammates always pulled him out of the hole, and naturally they constantly gave Bob credit for the deed. Such spirit makes up the great teams in any sport.

What is outstanding among this group of boys, many yet not 21 years old, is the fact they are those boys you like to have come into your home. They are clean-cut, gentlemanly and above all, really true sportsmen in every sense of the word.

Earlier this season the Pelicans lost heart-breaking decisions—just like Rogue River did, Sunday. It was noticeable, Sunday, that the Pelicans were "definitely" on, and the Poor Rogues could do nothing right. The game was much closer than the score indicates.

These boys are bringing honors to this area. People should be quick to recognize this fact, and should, by all means, attend all home games. Remember this, please: some of these lads certainly aren't going to be in "bush ball" too long. Some day many of will say: "I knew that guy when he used to play for Pete." These boys, don't you forget it, are those kinds.

LILY FLOATS NEEDED FOR PARADE

Archie Hendricks, Monday, told the Pilot that he was somewhat disappointed in the apparent lack of enthusiasm on part of people in the area in responding to the call for floats for the parade.

Since the whole area profits from this annual affair, it is not easy to understand how people could take an indifferent attitude about the success of the parade, which is being looked-forward-to by hundreds from all along the west coast.

Many people hesitate making a float because they feel that they could not design one which would take a prize in the Portland Rose Parade, or in a similar parade somewhere else. Such is the wrong attitude.

In this area, with all its greenery, with all its floral growth, float making is a matter of just gathering these things and attaching them to some vehicle, with the individuals own ideas designing the motif he wishes to portray. Try it. Length is what is need and wanted in the parade.

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HAS ANYONE SEEN ECKLEY?

BY EMIL R. PETERSON, Historian

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SECOND INSTALLMENT

Last week we got our bearings and location of the Eckley country—in the rough and rugged mountainous region between Port Orford and Powers; and we heard Joseph A. Haines tell how he came, bringing in his family and spending a greater part of the family life there until they had brought up 14 children.

Today let us hear from some of the others, some of those who were born there, or came when they were barely old enough to remember their first coming to the Eckley country. Let us hear about the gold mines and the pack trains; the wild game, the farm products and some of the social life; of some of the other families and of the schools; of the mail service and the post offices—yes, I said offices, not one post office. Four different names appear on the official records in the national archives in Washington, D.C.

But first let us take a birds-eye view of the region by some of those who knew the country. The description is part of a story sent to me by Mrs. J. N. Gearhart, who was Dora Bigelow before she married our present Co. Surveyor. She was born at Deer Park, a part of the Eckley country, in 1888, just seven weeks after her folks arrived there. I suspect that the co-writer of the story was Hulda (Greene) Svendsen. Hulda came to the Eckley country when she was an infant, in 1883, with her parents. Her mother was Trilla Bigelow before her marriage to Edwin C. Greene. Hulda is now (1950) visiting with Cousin Dora at the Gearhart home on the east fork of the Coquille. These two women form the main source of information for this story of the Eckley country. They rely to some extent on Raleigh Greene of Ban-

don, another member of the Greene-Bigelow tribe, to help them. (Raleigh, also, has a most interesting family story, but it is too long to include here; good for another time).

Let us turn now to the description of the Eckley country, passed on to me by our good co-workers, Dora and Hulda.

From the head of Sixes River in Curry County, east to the county line and on to Salmon Creek, in Coos county, lie the beautiful Eckley prairies, now owned by Ellis Dement and Albert Powers. (Perhaps I should explain here that these men have their separate cattle ranches; Dement's is mostly in Curry County, while Powers' ranch lies principally in Coos county).

These natural prairies were beautiful with grass and wild clover and provide for large herds of cattle today. When the settlers first came, deer and elk roamed at will and fish were abundant in the streams. Bear were not uncommon, and their fat helped to supply shortening for pastries and for frying. The tallow from the deer and elk was used for making candles, while the meat was ever at hand to cook fresh or to eat dried.

To this land of plenty came settlers to make their homes. The Joseph Haines family came in 1860, and the G. H. Guerin family in 1876, to settle at the head of Sixes River. The Thomas Gibbs family came in 1870 and settled east of the Guerin place (over the ridge in Coos County, in what became known as Deer Park). He had come in sometime before 1860. Those families — Guerins, Haines, Gibbs, Bigelows, Greens — owned and lived on their land in the Eckley country 50 years or more, till they sold out to the lumbering interests in 1912.

The homes of the Haines family, the Guerins and the Green's were stopping places for travelers, and anyone from the outside bringing news was more than welcome, for mail and news in that section were so scarce. Some of the first settlers had been there 20 years before they had any regular mail service.

South of the Eckley country was the mining district, where much of the gold was taken out during the early days. The miners in coming and going, often stayed at the homes of the settlers, and many happy hours were enjoyed sitting around the fireplace discussing the news or spinning yarns of adventure. Most of those pioneers were educated, intelligent men, who had left the east to explore the vast west for the wealth and opportunities they knew lay here.

Alfred B. (Tim) Green was one of the best known of the early settlers. "Uncle Tim" never married, but his nephews came to visit him, and to mine. They remained and took up homes, leads. Later they sent for their father, together with younger members of the family. Their father was the Rev. James B. Greene, a brother of "Tim". Along with him came the family of Edwin J. Bigelow, Mrs. Bigelow being his daughter, Emma.

But let us get better acquainted with "Uncle Tim" Greene. As stated before, he continued to be a bachelor. Born in Ohio, in 1821, he headed west when he was about 16 years old; he helped to

put down several Indian uprisings; landed in California during the gold rush in 1849. From there he came to the Eckley country in southwestern Oregon and is said to have been one of the first miners in that region and to have built and operated the first hydraulic mine there. It is reported that sometime later, he with five other men drilled and blasted a tunnel deep into the Salmon Mt. one of the most famous gold mining spots in that region. Many years later, Tim's grand-nephew, Amasa W. Green, and two other men re-opened the tunnel to a depth of 670 feet and did not find the end.

Besides mining, Tim Greene kept cattle on the Roland and Salt Lick prairies and finally settled on what came to be known as Deer Park, the cattle ranch owned today (1950) by Albert Powers.

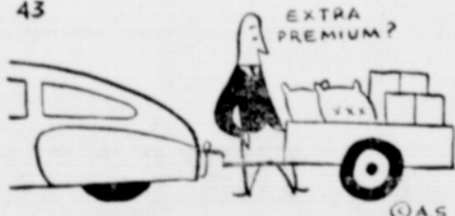
Alfred B. (Tim) Green, although he never married, was known throughout the settlement as a kindly man, always ready to administer aid to the sick or to help a neighbor. He would not permit the killing of a deer or other wild game on his place; and it is said that the wild animals considered "Uncle Tim" as their friend. He was one of the first mail carriers to pack the mail in on his back over the

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