

Historical Notes

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(Continued from last week)

Early writers differ as to the name of the river which was known to the Indians as TO-TU-TU-NA. Some claim that it was named "Rogue," because of the roguish disposition of the natives who inhabited its shores at that time. This is likely a mistake by that name before the whites had any trouble with the Indians. Long before the coming of the white settlers, a French navigator, sailing along the coast, discovered the river on account of the muddy, reddish colored water flowing from it, discoloring the ocean for some distance out, he named it the "River Rouge," which means "Red River." It is very likely that some of the miners who came to this vicinity in 1853 had one of the old French maps showing it as the "River Rouge." These men, probably being unfamiliar with the French language and with the sound of the letters in that tongue, mistook the word "Rogue." It would be a natural mistake and it seems, to date, the best explanation of the origin.

A party of prospectors, coming

along the beaches from California, discovered that for some distance north and south of the mouth of the Rogue river, the sands were extremely rich in gold, so rich that it was possible to take out as high as \$25 to \$50 per day to the man, even for the crude way they had in working the sand and their experience in this type of mining. In a short time after this discovery, in 1853, the news reached other settlements and there was a great rush of miners from various other mining sections of the west. The settlement that immediately resulted from this activity was known as "Gold Beach." Later on, when Capt. Tichenor became prominent in the county, the name was changed to "Ellensburg," in honor of his daughter, Ellen. There were but few white women in the county at that time, and those few were greatly honored by the miners, so they readily accepted the change in name. It was known as Ellensburg until sometime in the late 80's when the legislature was petitioned to change it again to the original name since mail intended for Ellensburg, Washington, was being sent to Ellensburg, Oregon, and vice-versa.

In the year 1853, James Mace and his companion were fording a creek called by the Indians, "CHETL-ESSENTAN," when Mace lost his pistol in the stream. His companion named it "Pistol River," and it has borne that name ever since.

South of Pistol River is a point known as Whales Head. It is located in the edge of the ocean opposite the ranch owned by Mr. Delmar Colegrove. This peculiar rock has somewhat the appearance of a whale's head and is hollow on the ocean side and has a

Western Oregon Stock Growers To Meet Jan. 25

Livestock prospects for 1954 and recommended management practices for western Oregon will be reviewed January 25 to 27 at the 18th annual meeting of the Western Oregon Livestock Association at the Senator hotel, Salem.

Governor Paul Patterson will address the group January 26 at 11:30 a.m., according to Harry Lindgren, Oregon State college extension livestock specialist and association secretary. The 600-member association is made up of 13 western Oregon county associations and includes producers of beef cattle, sheep and swine.

A highlight of the first day program will be a lamb cutting demonstration by Miles Teneyek, Portland, at 7:30 p.m. Teneyek has devised an entirely new lamb cut that has boosted low-demand front-quarter meat into popular consumer acceptance.

The conference will open with committee meetings on range, pasture and livestock disease control; legislation and taxation; predatory animals and game; membership, public relations, and youth; marketing; swine production; and association resolutions. The groups will report back to a general assembly on the final day.

Panel discussions on major problems of the livestock industry will be conducted the second day. They include livestock marketing, headed by E. L. Potter, professor emeritus of agricultural economics at Oregon State college; pasture management in western Oregon, led by Arnold Ebert, KOAC farm radio director, OSC; and taxation, led by Art Johnson, Astoria farmer.

Registration will begin January 25 at 1 p.m.

Final Services For Mrs. Wilson

Funeral services were held in Crescent City, January 2, for Mrs. Harriet B. Wilson of Harbor.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Ohio, March 25, 1870. She was the wife of the late George S. Wilson of Harbor. Surviving is a step-son, Clifford Wilson.

Funeral services were held from the Roeder Funeral Home, Crescent City, with Rev. H. M. Patterson officiating. Concluding services were at Smith River Cemetery.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, But at Christmas it is always young.

—Phillips Brooks

small opening at the top. At certain stages of the tide, when the incoming swells rush into the cavity, it forces a jet of water up through the hole in the top of the rock in imitation of a whale spouting. Many of you have probably seen whales swimming along the coast. They go under the water and then come up some distance from there, blowing a jet of water up into the air. This is called "spouting."

The CHETCO river has retained its original name, so named for the Chetco tribe. It is one of the few Indian names that has survived.

The WINCHUCK river, home of the HOSANTA tribe, we think was named by the early prospectors who experienced difficulty in crossing the stream in the small Indian canoes, due to the strong wind. They probably dubbed it "Winchuck," meaning Wind River, or Windy Water. "chuck" being the Indian word for water.

(To be continued)

OLD RESIDENT VISITS

Mrs. Bertha Moore of Crescent City was in the Winchuck and Harbor districts several days last week renewing old acquaintances. Mrs. Moore is a pioneer of this community and her old friends are happy when she returns. She was a guest of Mrs. Ruby Harvey.

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