

MANY SETTLERS EXPECTED IN SPRING

Large Influx of Eastern Immigrants Looked For in Another Month or Two

LOW COLONIST FARES OFFERED BY RAILROADS

This is Chance For Stayton—Tell Your Friends to Come Now

A large influx of new settlers from the east is expected in the Pacific north west during the coming spring and summer. The largest number of prospective settlers from the eastern states arrive during this period, for in the springtime traveling is best, the new country is more attractive, and—the memory of a hard eastern winter still lingers in the traveler's mind.

Each year the railroads offer special fares to prospective immigrants, and in the past these have been largely taken advantage of. Special colonist rates for the spring of 1912 have just been announced. We have received from the Southern Pacific an advertisement containing these rates, the first publication of which is made on page four of this issue.

These rates are being heavily advertised in the east, and are expected to bring many settlers to the coast. They are only good west-bound, but tickets can be paid for at any point, so that people in the west can if they desire, extend a very tangible invitation—a ticket—to their eastern relatives or friends. The rates are good until April 15th.

Stayton and vicinity present many advantages to colonists, but these advantages must be brought home to the prospective settlers in order to get results. Many eastern people, the best kind of citizens, are looking for just such a locality as this; and Stayton needs these people. Everyone who has friends or relatives who are dissatisfied with their present locality, should tell them about Stayton. Send them this paper; explain conditions here; boost for a bigger Stayton. We can benefit these newcomers, and can benefit us. Why not co-operate?

Write now, so that your friends may take advantage of the colonist rates to come out and have a look at God's country.

AGED RESIDENT CALLED BY GRIM REAPER, DEATH

Mrs. Mulkey Passes Away Sunday—Was Early Settler Here, Crossing Plains in 1847

Mrs. Sarah Jane Mulkey died Sunday at the home of her son, C. C. Mulkey, at the age of 82. She was one of the oldest pioneers of the Willamette valley, having come to the west in 1847. She was married on the plains to David Mulkey, whose death occurred 22 years ago.

David Mulkey and his young wife first went to Yamhill county and from there to near Portland where Mr. Mulkey worked for the Hudson Bay Company until 1850, when he took up a donation land claim on the Santiam, four miles east of Stayton.

With the exception of three years in eastern Washington, Mrs. Mulkey has lived here continuously since that time. She leaves six children, C. C. Mulkey, of Stayton; Mary E. Shell, Louisa J. Smith, and J. B. Mulkey, Cloverland, Wash; Mandelia Benson of Clarkston, Wash; and Harriet E. Baldwin of Stayton.

Funeral services were held in the Christian church of which Mrs. Mulkey was a member, Rev. Dunn officiating. Interment was made in the local Masonic cemetery. A large number of old friends attended the funeral.

Theo Highberger the well known Sublimity dairyman, was in town for a few hours yesterday.

LINN COUNTY PIONEER CALLED TO LAST REST

James W. Miller of Shelburn Crosses the Great Divide—Had Relatives in Stayton

James W. Miller, one of the oldest residents of Linn county, passed away last Thursday at the age of seventy-eight. He had been afflicted with kidney trouble, and had been ill for many months. Interment was made Friday in the Miller cemetery at Shelburn.

Mr. Miller was well known throughout this section of the country, he having lived at Shelburn for more than sixty years. He has several relatives in Stayton including Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Blyeu, sisters-in-law; Roy and Elmer Brenner, nephews; and Mrs. Katie Lonsway, a niece.

Joe Shrews of Sublimity was doing business in Stayton yesterday.

SUCCESSFUL "MYSTERY SUPPER" GIVEN BY THE McALPIN SCHOOL

The Program and Mystery Supper given at the McAlpin school house Friday evening was a financial as well as a social success. The house was crowded, and the pupils rendered an excellent program, after which supper was served on the "Surprise Menu" plan. The proceeds are to go for a new library case and teacher's desk.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS SUCCESSFUL GATHERING

Accomplishes Chief Objects for Which the Meeting was Called—United Organization

Oregon's first state Irrigation Congress, which met in Portland last week closed with the unanimous opinion that it was one of the most important and representative gatherings ever held. One hundred and fifty-six delegates were in attendance from all parts of the state. It accomplished the chief objects for which it was called. The many interests which have been working separately for or against the Government, the Carey Act and the private projects have been brought together. They are now united in an organization which will endeavor to secure the passage of legislation that will offer every possible aid to the prompt development of all irrigation projects, and at the same time protect to the fullest possible extent the rights of the settler.

Tom Leffler of Hubbard was here visiting his brother this week.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FORMER STAYTON MAN WERE HELD SUNDAY

Funeral services were held here Sunday for Archie C. Briggs, familiarly known as "Babe" Briggs, who passed away in Portland last week. Young Briggs, who was the son of Al Briggs of West Stayton, was born and raised near this city and is therefore well known to Stayton people. He also has relatives here including the family of Frank Mack, a half-brother.

Since leaving this vicinity, he resided for a time in Salem, but for the past few years he has been living in Portland. He was not quite twenty-six years of age. His wife survives him.

PLEASANT CARD PARTY WAS HELD IN THE WALDO HILLS LAST WEEK

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Herzseifen was the scene of a very enjoyable card party one evening last week. Whist was the order of the occasion, prizes being won by Miss Lena Wagner and Mr. Wagner. At a late hour a dainty lunch was served, after which the guests reluctantly departed for home.

MEHAMA FARM GIVES UP STOLEN TREASURE

Humboldt Mystery Cleared---Convict Reveals Portion of Lost Bullion

The discovery last Saturday of a portion of the gold bullion stolen some eighteen months ago from the Alaskan steamer, Humboldt, on the ranch of Geo. Sims near Mehama, has reopened that famous case, and bids fair to clear up the whole mystery connected with the stolen gold. The finding of the bullion, though unexpected at this time, was not an entire surprise to people of this vicinity, for it has long been believed by local people that the gold was secreted in the neighborhood of Mehama.

The suspicions of Stayton people were aroused when Warden Frank H. Curtis of the state penitentiary accompanied by convict Charles A. Barrett, and a detective passed through here in an automobile. Barrett was recognized by several persons here, and as he was believed to have been implicated in the Humboldt robbery, the mysterious trip of the warden and his prisoner was at once connected with the missing treasure. It was not until the next day, however, that it was definitely learned that the gold had been found. Barrett led the searchers directly to spot where it lay concealed.

The bullion recovered was in gold bars, weighing twenty-five pounds, and is valued at \$7,500. The total theft from the Humboldt amounted to more than \$57,000. Of this part has been recovered, and part is known to have been sold, but there is still some \$37,000 missing. This is believed to be in the vicinity of Portland and Seattle, and detectives are shadowing the men thought to have knowledge of its hiding place.

The Humboldt mystery will be remembered as having attracted widespread attention in September, 1910. The vessel was making the trip between Skagway, Alaska and Seattle, and had a large shipment of bullion on board. In spite of careful guarding, the treasure was extracted from the boxes in which it was shipped and lead bars were inserted in its place, without even breaking the seals of the boxes. The loss of the bullion was not discovered until the boxes that were supposed to contain the gold were opened in Seattle.

Since that time the men believed to be implicated have been shadowed by detectives, but no complete case could be worked up against the guilty parties. Some \$10,000 was recovered from Orville Caviness, one of the gang, who is now serving a sentence in San Quentin prison, but it was not until Barrett, who is doing time in Salem for forgery, made a confession to the Governor that a full chain of evidence developed against the conspirators.

Local people well remember the efforts that were made about a year ago to trace the stolen gold in this neighborhood. Barrett appeared here shortly after the robbery took place, and was all along suspected of being implicated in the crime. For several months detectives scoured this neighborhood for clues that might lead to the discovery of the gold, but Barrett had concealed it well, and all efforts proved unsuccessful.

In spite of this fact, however, people here were confident that at least a portion

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AN APPRECIATIVE CROWD ENJOYS ENTERTAINMENT

Two Christian Sunday School Classes Raise Half of Amount Needed for Gallery Fund

A small but appreciative audience attended the entertainment given Friday evening by the "Loyal Sons" and "Loyal Daughters" classes of the Christian Sunday school. The affair was intended to raise money with which to pay for the new gallery recently installed in the church, and about half of the necessary amount was secured.

The program consisted principally of readings and piano selections, and those who took part included Pev. and Mrs. Dunn, Misses Berdine and Venita McKinney, Miss Nendel, Miss Mable Towne, and Ed Blakely. An exercise with Indian clubs was a novel feature introduced by Miss Nendel.

QUEENER DISTRICT TO DISCUSS WOMAN SUFFRAGE AT DEBATE

A series of debates is being held in the Queener school house, one taking place each Saturday night. This coming Saturday the question will be, "Resolved, that women should have the right of franchise." The subject will be discussed by the meeting at large, the women upholding the affirmative, and the men the negative.

SUBLIMITY MAN BUYS A THRESHING OUTFIT

Gets Complete New Equipment, and Will Make Regular Run Through Waldo Hills

G. F. Harold last Saturday sold to J. B. Van Handel of Sublimity, his complete Russell Threshing outfit, consisting of an 18 h. p. engine, high pressure boiler, and 36x60 separator with all attachments. Mr. Van Handel in taking this machinery will take the run formerly made by Mr. Harold in threshing in the Waldo Hills. Mr. Van Handel had disposed of his old Advance outfit, and in buying again decided to get Russell machinery. He has a reputation for being one of the most successful threshermen in this vicinity, and with his new Russell equipment he expects to do even better, as the farmers of the Waldo Hills call for this make of machinery.

Russell machinery is handled by the A. H. Averill Co. of Portland. Clifford Harold, formerly of this place, is traveling salesman for the Willamette valley.—Paid adv.

COLLEGE WILL AID HORSEMEN IN BUYING AND SELLING ANIMALS

Prof. E. L. Potter of the animal husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural College, in his capacity as secretary of the State Stallion Registration Board, has issued to all owners of stallions or jacks in the state a letter in which he offers to keep on file in the office of the board a list of all such animals as are for sale, provided that they are properly registered.

The purpose of the board in establishing this list of registered animals for sale is to encourage still further the raising of well-bred horses. The service to both buyer and seller is entirely without fee.

PUPILS OF SILVER FALLS SCHOOL HIT HIGH PLACES IN SPELLING

A per cent of 99.87 was made by the pupils of the Silver Falls school in a spelling contest held last week. Sixteen pupils took part, and they missed only one word in the contest—an example of near-perfection in spelling, apparently. F. H. Hadley is teacher of the school.

MOSS PICKERS TO BEGIN WORK SOON

First Expedition of Year Will Leave in Few Days For Mountains East of Stayton

PARTY HAS CONTRACT FOR ELEVEN CARLOADS

Product to be Shipped South to California Nurseries

The first moss picking expedition of the year is expected to leave Stayton in a few days, when a party of five will start for the mountains east of here. Frank Mack will be in command and with him will go his wife, Arhe and Nello Mack and Tom Dunagan. They expect to be gone for several months, as they have located a good spot for moss gathering.

They will establish a regular camp about thirteen miles east of here, and the men will do the picking while Mrs. Mack will look after the estates. They have a small baler, and will themselves prepare the moss for shipment. They have secured a contract for eleven carloads of moss, and expect to be able to get out a carload each week. They will ship from Fox Valley.

The moss is used extensively by nurseries for packing around fruit trees. Large quantities are shipped each year, though most of the gathering is done in the late spring and early summer. The moss for which the Macks have contracted will be shipped to California points for use in the large nurseries of our neighbor state. It is a commodity for which there is considerable demand, and brings very fair prices.

SURELY SPRING HAS ARRIVED!!! KIDS TAKE FIRST SWIM OF YEAR

The weather was so nice last Saturday that some of the boys about "frying" size went in swimming. And this is farther north than Chicago, too. While the boys here were in swimming the Ozark region in Mo. was having the worst snow storm of the season. "Eveline Vangeline May, whacher know about that?"

WELCH ROAD MAY TAP STAYTON, SAYS PAPER

Rumored That Portland, Eugene & Eastern Will Run Between Here and Salem

There is a rumor afloat to the effect that the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad company contemplates the construction of a road between Salem and Stayton, and that the project is being promoted by M. E. Reid.

In the meeting of the city council Monday night, E. W. Hardy, attorney for the P., E. & E. road, stated while speaking in regard to the Front street franchise for his company, that in a few months the road would in all probability be doing an interurban business. He mentioned the \$10,000,000 bond issue authorized recently by the road, but said that no definite announcement of the company's local plans could be made because to announce them would interfere with the purpose of the company. It is said that the original plans of Mr. Reid were to build from Salem to Stayton by the way of Shaw, and to penetrate into the mining and timber sections lying beyond.—Salem Statesman.

Miss Ethel Mack is on a two-weeks' visit with her brother and his family in Corvallis.

Gale Jones of Scio was in town Sunday to visit his parents, Jack Jones and wife.

In the Shade of the Flim-Flam Tree

IN the shade of the Flim-Flam tree
There's a tender-foot waiting for me;
He has bushels of dust and mazuma to spare,
And the yellow gold shines at the roots of his hair.
And I've tucked him away in my snug little lair,
In the shade of the Flim-Flam tree.

IN the shade of the Flim-Flam tree
There's a book-agent waiting for me;
And I won't do a thing when I meet that gossoon,
But just sink in his slats while I whistle a tune,
And I'll bury him deep by the light of the moon,
In the shade of the Flim-Flam tree.

IN the shade of the Flim-Flam tree
There's a candidate waiting for me;
When he asks my support I will lie to him sure;
I will say how I think all his motives are pure,
And his policies ought to forever endure,
In the shade of the Flim-Flam tree.

IN the shade of the Flim-Flam tree
There's a verse-writer waiting for me;
When I grind up his bones there'll be one poet less,
And a long suffering people will rise up to bless,
The glad day I arrived their wrongs to redress,
In the shade of the Flim-Flam tree.
—W. Wyckoff in York (Neb) Teller.