

Pioneers Who Found a Wilderness

JAMES MADISON EVANS

James Madison Evans, probably the oldest and most prominent steamboatman in the state, and also one of the Oregon pioneers who crossed the plains, is a resident of Canby, where he has property interests.

James Evans was born in St. Louis, Mo., August 28, 1843. At the age of six years he accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Evans, to Andrew county, Mo., where he lived four years, when the start across the plains was made. The train, composed of 13 wagons, started on the first day of March, 1852, and it was at this time that the Indians of many tribes were creating havoc with the settlers, who were bound for the new country beyond. Many thrilling experiences were told by Mr. Evans, who will remember, although only a small boy at the time of coming here.

It was the time of year when the settlers were afflicted with the cholera, and Mr. Evans' brother was stricken and was buried on the plains. The child, in company with Mr. Evans, was playing near the river, when he suddenly exclaimed: "Oh, James, I have the cholera!" He was carried to the camp near by, where medical aid was given him, but the child expired 15 minutes after being afflicted.

The train disbanded at The Dalles, many members of the party going to the gold fields in California, and many making their way to what is now Oregon City. A train was formed and arrived October 27, 1852. The party crossed the river near the site of the old brick mill by means of a ferry, and stayed on the West side near the Sammy Miller place. The family of Mr. Evans remained here for three weeks, while his father was looking for a location. He returned and took his family to the mouth of the Bulling River. Mr. Evans' father set out to build a cabin for his family to live in, and cut large logs from which it was made.

No man in the state of Oregon has worked on as many boats as has Mr. Evans, and many of these he has mastered. Captain Evans, as he is familiarly called, is a man highly respected by old and young, and has made scores of friends during his residence in the State of Oregon. He has a list of the names of boats that have plied the Willamette river, of which he was connected with, and which are as follows: Steamers of 1852 that have run on the Willamette river above the falls at Oregon City; Hoosier, Washington, Canamah, Oregon, Willamette, Relief, Elk, Shoshone, Phoenix, Shoalwater, Moose, Gazelle, Franklin. From 1850 to present date: S. T. Charles, Yamhill, Orient, Occident, Enterprise, James Clinton, Shoefly, Dayton, Echo, St. Carrie, Ohio, City of Salem, Success, Eugene, Eagle, Bellanca, Albany, Active, N. S. Bentley, W. M. Hogue, Elwood, F. Patten, Bonanza, Champion, Isabel, Toledo, A. A. McCully, Willamette Chief, Valley Queen, N. R. Lane, Ann and the Three Sisters.

MRS. N. A. KESSELRING

Mrs. N. A. Kesselring, of Canby, is probably the only woman living today, who has the distinction of having crossed the plains on horseback and to have helped her father drive the cattle to the West. Mrs. Kesselring was born in Ray County, Mo., May 18, 1824. She resided about eight years in Mercer County, Mo., before starting across the plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Riggs, in 1847.

The party proceeded until they arrived at The Dalles, where the train disbanded. At this time there was only one house in The Dalles. Daniel Riggs built a flat boat at this place, and placed a wagon box thereon for the comfort of his family. Mr. Riggs sent his boat down by one of the men in the party, and he brought the cattle overland. While on their way down in this little craft, a three months' old baby which had been born on the plains, died of measles and starvation. Mrs. Riggs, who was very sick at the time, was not apprised of the death of the infant until the next day, as her daughter, Mrs. Kesselring, who was only 13 years old at the time, knew that telling her mother of the death of her child would probably prove fatal. The baby was buried at Cascade Falls.

The family remained at Cascade Falls for about a week, when a yawl from Portland was sent and brought the family to the banks of the Sandy River. They remained here until the father arrived with the cattle. Here a cabin was built, but at this time the Cayuse war broke out, and relatives fearing of the Riggs' safety, sent for them and took them to Grille Prairie.

H. A. LEE

N. A. Riggs was married September 19, 1851, to Andrew Griddle, of Grille Prairie, and they made their home at that place for 31 years. Fifty years after her husband's death Mrs. Griddle married G. W. Kesselring. After residing on the farm for several years they moved to Canby, where she has resided for the last four years. Mrs. Kesselring is the mother of four children, who are: Mrs. Ellen Irwin, of Pomeroy, Wash.; Mrs. Sarah Jesse, who resides on part of the old homestead; A. D. Griddle, of Grille Prairie, also the father of Mrs. Evans and children; with relatives settled near Boone's Ferry, where they camped beneath a large tree. Mrs. Higginbotham and daughter afterwards made their home with Governor and Mrs. Curry. Several years after Mrs. Higginbotham died, she was well as well as the men. Several times this train was attacked by Indians, but owing

W. H. LUCKE'S COMMISSION HOUSE



H. A. Lee was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philander Lee, who left Iowa in 1847 for the West. They crossed the plains and had many thrilling experiences with the Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Lee settled at Linton, near Portland, where they remained until the spring of 1848, when they rented a place on Saucy Island. In 1848 they came to Canby and took up their residence on the General Husted place, now owned by Charles Wait. Mr. Lee moved to this place in 1850.

Mr. Lee took up a homestead in 1862 at the mouth of Milk Creek. On April 9, 1867, he married Miss Eda Tice, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tice. Mr. and Mrs. Lee resided on the homestead for about 23 years, and afterwards moved to the Donation Land Claim of Mr. Lee's father, where he has been engaged in farming since. The property consists of 60 acres and is among the most valuable farming land in the county. On the place are several buildings of logs made by Mr. Lee's father in 1852.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee had eight children, who are Mrs. Clara Hutchinson, and Mrs. Linnie Gilmore, of Canby; Miss Lee, of Silver Lake; Mrs. Adie Schull, of Wilsonville; Mrs. Elvira Ewing, of Lytle, Wash.; Warren Lee, Mrs. E. M. Rider, and Miss Ora Lee, of Canby.

gibbonem was married to J. H. Blacker, who had taken up a claim and built a log cabin at Boone's Ferry. Mr. Blacker died several years ago, and after his death Mrs. Blacker made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Evans, of Canby. Grandmother Blacker died in this city recently.

Mrs. Evans is well known in Clackamas county and is a member of the Pioneer Association. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have three children: Emma Borgovne, of Portland, Henry and Wilson. (One another son, died many years ago.)

MRS. JAMES TICE

Miss Hannah S. Ripley was born in Clay County, Missouri, October 24, 1833, residing there until 1848, when she moved with her parents to Page County, Iowa. On July 12, 1849, she married James Tice, of Maryland, Ohio. In the spring of 1852, Mr. and Mrs. Tice started with their five small children for Oregon. They started the third day of April and arrived in Portland September 11. The journey was made by ox team, and was attended by great danger. The way Indian knowing that Uncle Sam had his hands full got in his dirty work by killing the emigrants ahead and behind. This train numbered 100 wagons, many of the women and boys were

THESE SEVEN PIONEERS BRAVED THE HARDSHIPS OF THE PLAINS TO COME TO OREGON



Mrs. H. A. Lee

James Evans

Mrs. N. A. Kesselring

Mrs. James Tice

A. H. Lee

Mrs. E. Saltmarsh

H. A. Lee

MRS. KNIGHT

Grandma Knight, as she is familiarly known, is one of the earliest pioneers of Oregon, and is at present making her home with her daughter, Miss Anna Knight. Mrs. Knight came across the plains the same time as her brother-in-law, William W. Knight, and endured many of the hardships of the early days.

MRS. H. A. LEE

Miss Eda Tice, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tice, was born in Iowa, July 19, 1842. In the spring of 1863 she started with her parents across the plains for the West, and arrived in Portland, September 11, where the family remained for four months, and afterwards took up her home in the Willamette valley.

On April 9, 1867, she was united in marriage to H. A. Lee, and they made their home for several years on the homestead Mr. Lee had taken up. After residing there for many years they came to Canby, where they are still making their home.

MRS. JAMES EVANS

Mrs. James Evans, an Oregon pioneer, came across the plains with her parents in 1852. Mrs. Evans being one year of age. While on their way her father was stricken with the cholera and died on the plains. This wife, who was ill with the same disease at the time of her husband's death, was left with her daughter. The friends who were in the train cared for the child until her mother's recovery, and the party proceeded onward. The driver of Mrs. Higginbotham's wagon was also taken down and expired soon after besides the grandmother of Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lydia Higginbotham, and

to the large number in the train, the warriors were frightened and they married Mrs. Tice and children resided in Portland for about four months, when Mr. Tice died, leaving Mrs. Tice to struggle on with five children, the eldest being 12 years, and the youngest one year.

Mrs. Tice is now residing with her two sons, William and Alex, on a farm southeast of Canby, where they have made their home for the last 16 years. The farm is noted for its fine potatoes. The soil is rich, sandy loam, well adapted to diversified farming.

C. N. WAIT

C. N. Wait's farm land, consisting of over 500 acres in Canby, 40 acres of which are now occupied by the Clackamas County Fair, is one of the most valuable pieces of farming property in the state. The land is cleared and most of it is used for pasture. The property was formerly owned by Mr. Wait's father, the late Judge Wait, who was one of the prominent pioneers of Oregon, and a man of great influence.

GEORGE RAUCH

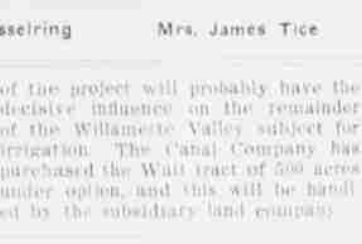
George Rauch, one of the highly respected citizens of Canby, was born in Germany, October 2, 1828, and came to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rauch, making their home in the state of Illinois. In the year of 1852 he went to California, where he enlisted in 1854 and was in active service until 1856, when he came to Oregon, where he was united in matrimony to Miss Margaret J. Mahoney, in 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch came to Canby seven years ago and have a nice home and seven lots on Main street.

SUMMER IRRIGATION, Canal Company Organizes to Water 500 Acres in This County.

At present Canby is without a city water system, and a movement is being made toward the inauguration of summer irrigation of a large tract in the Willamette valley. The Canby Canal Company recently filed articles of incorporation in the office of the county clerk of Multnomah County. The incorporators of the company are M. J. Lee, W. B. Moore, and Henry S. Westbrook, and it is a close corporation, the nominal capitalization being \$5000. The company proposes to irrigate about 5000 acres of the best farming land in Clackamas county. The water is to be taken from the Molalla river, which will be tapped either at Meadowbrook or at Adkins' Mill. An extensive system of canals will distribute the water from storage reservoirs. The engineers will probably make their report in a few days. The storage reservoirs and construction will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The main object of the Canby Canal Company will be to irrigate the prairie, and to also build a power plant in the vicinity of Canby. It is probable that the Aurora Electric Company will use the surplus water for electricity as the company is furnishing the city at present with electric power, and is giving perfect satisfaction.

The project is selected simply as the most available for irrigation in Willamette Valley, and the success for two years, when he came to this city. His workmanship is first-class, and he gives special attention to repairing watches and jewelry. Since Mr. Sias has made his home in the city of Canby he has erected a pretty home, an illustration of which is shown in this edition.



Sias Store Building

A. M. VINYARD. A. M. Vinyard, well known throughout the southern part of the county, is one of the prominent farmers of Clackamas county. The farm of Mr. Vinyard is situated on the river road, about two miles from the business center of Canby, in Prunedale. All under cultivation is his 17-acre tract, 10 of which are in strawberries of the Clark Seedling and Magone varieties. Mr. Vinyard ships his berries to the Portland markets. The vines produce large crops. Many of the watermelons that are shipped to the Portland and Oregon City markets are raised on this farm. In the melon season, these are sought for by the merchants. Mr. Vinyard has over two acres in melons. On account of the backward spring the melon crop was short in Clackamas county. Mr. Vinyard is also engaged in raising Logan berries, which are proving profitable.

A large portion of Mr. Vinyard's property is on the Molalla river bottom, and makes excellent potato land. For the last two years he has contracted potatoes at 25 cents per bushel, averaging about 400 per acre. He is one of the most extensive potato growers of Canby.

Mr. Vinyard came from Ohio in 1850 and purchased the property he is now living on. Since moving here he has built a nice home, an illustration of which is shown in this issue.

DR. A. F. DE LESPINASSE. Dr. A. F. Despinasse, the dentist, is meeting with great success in his profession since coming to Canby. By his workmanship he is building up a large practice at Canby.

Productive Farms Abound at Canby

A. R. CUMMINGS

A. R. Cummings came to Canby from Omaha, Neb., in July, 1890, and has followed farming since coming here. He has been very successful. The 20-acre farm shows that great interest has been taken by the owner. Mr. Cummings since coming to Canby has been engaged in raising vegetables for the market, and is also one of the prominent melon growers of the county. Four acres have been planted to melons, and by their delicious flavor find a ready market in Portland. One and one-half acres of land has been planted to strawberries, Clark Seedling and Magone varieties. Mr. Cummings has four acres in rhubarb, and this summer he shipped 9 1/2 tons to Davenport & Thompson, commission merchants, of Portland. Mr. Cummings has recently erected a house which is heated, and has placed rhubarb pots therein, where he is forcing them.

E. I. SIAS

E. I. Sias, the jeweler and watchmaker, has resided in Canby for the last 15 years, and is located in his own building on Main street, opposite the Southern Pacific depot. Mr. Sias was in the jewelry business in Downsville, Mich., and from that place he came to Oregon, first settling at Portland, about 15 years ago, where he engaged in the same line of business.

J. W. LIESER

The 12-acre farm of J. W. Lieser, which is situated one mile from the town of Canby, on the old military road, is a most desirable place for a home. The old military road, one of the most picturesque scenes in the county, fronts this property. Mr. Lieser's property is all under cultivation, and he is engaged in raising all kinds of farm produce, as well as blooded tows. His pretty home is admired by all who pass along this picturesque road, and at present Mr. Lieser is engaged in erecting a wire fence around the property. The house is modern throughout, with bath, and electric lights are to be installed. Mr. Lieser intends to get into nut culture on an extensive scale. At present he has on the place walnut and filbert trees. All kinds of berries, and fruit trees are to be found on this farm which produces large crops each year. Over 200 bushels of Burbank potatoes was the result of this year's crop on this place.

FRED HAMPTON

Fred Hampton owner of one of the finest farms in the county, is a resident of Canby. His place is located at the head of O street, and his beautiful home is situated on a high elevation commanding an excellent view of the surrounding country. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton came to this

THE ADKINS LUMBER CO.

The Adkins Lumber Co. was established by James and Silas Adkins in 1892. The plant is now owned and conducted by James Adkins, who has built up a very successful business and is now the largest and most modern sawmill in southern Clackamas County. Mr. Adkins makes a specialty of milling and railroad timbers, but handles all kind of dressed and finished lumber. The mill is located on Milk Creek, 3 1/2 miles from Canby. Mr. Adkins has extensive logging interest on Milk Creek and had by most of the logs cut in that neighborhood. In 1906 the mill was destroyed by fire and a large amount of fine finished lumber was destroyed, but the mill was at once rebuilt and has continued running ever since.

Great Bargains in Canby Real Estate

10 acres fine, rich sandy loam. Good story and a half dwelling, six-ten, 2 acres in cultivation, balance easily cleared, 1 1/2 miles from Canby on good road. If taken soon \$1000. 40 acres all in cultivation, no buildings; fine soil. No stones or gravel, on good road, 1 1/2 miles from Canby \$100 per acre. Will sell in 20 acre tracts. 90 acres all in cultivation; large story, large dwelling, young orchard \$100 per acre, or will sell in small tracts. 100 acres; 70 in cultivation; modern residence, large barn, fine orchard, all kinds of water; about \$3000 worth of personal property. This is a fine farm-home as there is in the Willamette valley and cheap at \$12,500. I have several tracts for \$200 per acre; one 10-acre tract for \$1200, this is a snap, this place has a good young orchard of about 3 acres, apples, peaches, grapes, and berries, 12 acres in cultivation, a 2-story dwelling, good well and spring. The improvements cannot be seen for \$1200. 7 acres, all in cultivation; 6 room house, well finished, collar underneath, storehouse, large barn, fine peach orchard, all kinds of fruit and berries, fine spring, 3 1/2 acres of it best bottom land, \$1200 cash; \$1700, with \$2500 down, \$400 annually for 3 years at 7 per cent. 25 acres, all level best bottom land, 15 acres in cultivation, good 5-room house, good barn all kinds of out-buildings, two wells, family orchard, horse-wagon, harness, hay, grain, etc. 14 acres fine pasture, \$2900 half cash, 20 acres, all in high state of cultivation, good two-story dwelling, good barn and all kinds of out-buildings; good well, good variety of fruit. (Shop at \$3700 half cash. Finest peach farm in Clackamas county, consisting of 26 1/2 acres of the finest Willamette river bottom land, 200 bearing peach trees, 425 set out a year ago, and a full variety of other fruits and berries. A good 6-room dwelling, horse barn, fruit house and all kinds of out-buildings. A fine little brook runs across it. A fine spring can be piped into the house. A full complement of farm machinery, etc. A fine home on the bank of the finest river, the Willamette, on the coast, about 20 miles from Portland. IT WILL PAY YOU TO SEE ME BEFORE YOU BUY.

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CANBY'S FOUR LEADING HOUSES OF WORSHIP



Scandinavian Evangelical

Christian

Methodist Episcopal

German Evangelical

a cousin, who were buried near Platte River. The party reached its destination after six months' travel, arriving on the 10th day of October. Mrs. Evans and children, with relatives, settled near Boone's Ferry, where they camped beneath a large tree. Mrs. Higginbotham and daughter afterwards made their home with Governor and Mrs. Curry. Several years after Mrs. Higginbotham died, she was well as well as the men. Several times this train was attacked by Indians, but owing

Canby Methodist Episcopal Church. The Canby Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the oldest in the oldest institution of Canby. Preaching services by the Methodists were held at Baker's Prairie, where Canby now stands, in 1819. The church has been organized at nearly that early date and has never ceased working for the uplifting of mankind. The present building was erected about 1885.

Among the pastors of the church, are: Rev. T. L. Jones, who has been a prominent frontiersman, and a very successful presiding elder and evangelist, and Rev. R. Dunlap, now district superintendent of the Klamath territory. Rev. Joselyn was born at the Canby Camp Grounds and later preached in his home church. The present pastor is W. J. Welser.

The Scandinavian Evangelical Church. The Scandinavian Evangelical Free Church of Canby, is one of the most attractive little edifices in the county. The contractors of the building were Bert Eriksson, S. V. Reese, Albin Erickson, and A. Bee. The cost of the building was \$1800. Through the kindness of Mr. Ross, one of the choicest building lots in the city was donated, and another lot belonging to him adjoining this, was purchased by the members of the church. The building is 26x38, with a main en-

trance of 16x16, the pulpit being 18x8 feet, and the interior is 14 feet in height and lighted by electricity. The building will be dedicated by Rev. Martin Olson, of Tacoma, who will have charge of a series of meetings to be held in the very near future. Before the completion of the church, services have been held at the homes of the members, and have been largely attended.

German Evangelical Church. The German Evangelical denomination organized in Canby about 14 years ago, the first pastor being Rev. Welser. The church was built the same year as well as the parsonage. The first minister to have charge of this church was the Rev. Ross, who recently died in this place. Mr. Ross came from the East to Canby, and was in charge for several years before his death. At present services are held on Sunday morning every two weeks by Portland pastors.

The Christian Church was organized in 1892 by Rev. Bateman. The first minister who had charge was Rev. L. P. Stevens, and who was an experienced carpenter. Mr. Stevens was very enthusiastic in his good work, and built the church himself, which is one of the neatest houses of worship in the city at the present day.

Rev. A. H. Mulkey, of Gladstone, had charge of this church for some time, but at present the church is without a pastor. A minister is soon to be engaged to take charge. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition, and is under the supervision of J. Frank Mills.

Canby Norwegian Church. Close to the city limits is the Canby Norwegian Church, which is at present in charge of Rev. C. O. Rosling, who recently came here to assist Rev. H. Rogha in his field of labor. Rev. Rosling has also charge of the churches at Needy, Barlow and Woodburn and other points in the county. Rev. Rosling has moved his family to Canby, and is occupying the residence recently vacated by Howard Eccles.