

# CLIFF HOUSE REGISTER, COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES OF EARLY OREGON PIONEERS, IS FOUND BY WRECKERS

The register of the pioneer Cliff House, now being torn down to make room for the \$750,000 addition to the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, has been found by G. G. Paulker.

The book is discolored and dirty, its ink is faded, and its binding is worn, but it is an autograph album of Oregon pioneers. The signatures of senators, governors, merchants, farmers—the men who made the state—are there. The register was used from 1847 to 1870.

**Prominent Names Appear.**

A person familiar with early Oregon history could spend hours with the volume. George H. Williams' name appears many times. F. X. Mathies, who cast the deciding vote which kept Oregon in the United States at Champeau, was a frequent visitor during the year 1847, the register shows. He registered from Butteville. J. O. Hawthorn, pioneer Astoria cameraman; Joseph Butcher, early day athlete who is still living in Portland; H. I. Pittock, of the Oregonian; E. D. Shattuck, circuit judge; D. C. Ireland, founder of The Oregon City Enterprise and the Astoria Astorian; E. Quackenbush; Donald Macleay, merchant; A. L. Lovejoy, prominent in pioneer Oregon, and scores of other men as prominent as these appear in the register.

John H. Mitchell was a frequent visitor. At one place he wrote in fancy script the words, "United States Senator from Oregon" after his name. October 16, 1855, General Tom Thumb and wife and his complete company stopped at the Cliff House. Entertainers, circuses and other forms of traveling amusements came to Oregon City every week or two during the early history of the town.

**Names of "Dead" Towns Seen.**

The names of towns that no longer exist appear. John Costello registers from Champeau, the scene of the most important pioneer meeting in the history of the state. The name Linn City appears frequently, and Woreen, Diggin, probably a mining camp, is often seen. Most of the visitors at the Cliff House were from Albany, Portland, Salem, Jacksonville, Fort Vancouver and San Francisco.

The Cliff House was the gathering place of the district, the center of town life, and the hotel register, naturally, was closely watched by the natives. The town wits had plenty of opportunity to add remarks to names in the book. At one place the words, "King George III," neatly lettered, appears above the name of George H. Williams, whose prominence spread far beyond the boundaries of the state.

Down the right hand side of each page is a column with the caption, "Remarks," and the remarks contained therein are widely varied. Evidently the bookkeeping system of the hotel was confined to this one column for in it is found numerous notations of money paid or due from the guests. Many worked for their board and room. For instance, at one place, it written, "Killed rats for bill" after the name of A. Wessil.

**Two Sign the Pledge.**

Two pledges have been found in the book. William S. White writes on June 1, 1859, "From and after today I

drink no more ardent spirits or malt liquors of any kind." In another R. H. Duncan signed his name to a statement that "I will forswear myself this time but may be blamed if I do it again." On one of the front pages of the book appears the name, Buck Strickland, in an almost unreadable scrawl. Under a date of six months later he registered Buchanan Strickland, and following his name there is the note, "Black from campmeeting. I hope he is a better man."

The name, E. C. Hackett, now mayor of Oregon City, appears on one page.

One Griff Jones registered the steamer "Fanna Patent" as his "address" in the register. Some wits wrote besides the name of Jones, "You fool, you had better learn to spell. Can't you spell Fanna Patent?" Many, probably tired out by the rough traveling of early days, wrote "hungry," or "awful hungry" after their names. One man declared in a miserably scrawled that he was "awful drunk." Early day modes of travel are reflected by one visitor at the house who wrote after his name, "Sober bill driver," as if he deserved some distinction because of his sobriety. "Passenger A. White and Lady of Sir. Reliance" have a note after their name, "Never pays a cent," probably written for future reference by the clerk of the house.

**Farm for Salem.**

Just as the register was a place where the town wits tried their skill, so were business offers advertised. J. S. Stout writes opposite his name that he has a farm for sale 12 miles southeast of town.

Oregon City was the meeting place for a federal court at one time, and state courts have met here since the town was founded and a government established. Judge Stout, Judge Shattuck, W. Lair Hill, who once codified the Oregon laws, and other signatures are often seen of equally well known men.

During the last year the register was in use, the words, "Oregon & California," Ben Holladay, S. G. Smith of the railroad company, were often written. Ben Holladay, S. G. Elliott and others stopped over night at the Cliff House when the road was being built.

**Baseball Fans Fanned in 1867.**

Reports for concoctions to cure many illnesses are pasted on the inside covers of the book. A federal tax receipt of \$60 on the occupation of hotel keeper is pasted on the book.

The back inside cover is devoted principally to a record of the Clackamas, Occidental and Clackamas baseball teams. Joe Butcher, who at this time was pitcher of the Occidental nine, and defeated all comers in the spring, was at the height of his athletic career. The scores of some of these early day games were 44 to 55, 52 to 44, 31 to 32. Clippings from the Oregonian adorn the register giving accounts of these games.

The register was found by G. G. Paulker, who has charge of removing the old Cliff House, and now is in possession of E. L. Shaw, yard boss for the Hawley mill. It may be turned over to the McLoughlin Memorial association and the suggestion has been made that it be given to the Oregon Historical association.

# GRANT LAND BILL BY CHAMBERLAIN FOUND IN FAVOR

**VIEWS OF ADMINISTRATION ON MATTER MADE CLEAR AT HEARING.**

**ALL OTHER MEASURES AND PLANS ARE DECLARED TO BE FAULTY**

**Provision That Would Be Confirmed Uncompleted Sales to C. A. Smith May Be Eliminated in Final Draft.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The administration favors the passage of the Chamberlain land grant bill, amended to meet the views of the attorney-general.

It is opposed to every other pending land grant bill. This was developed at today's hearing before the house public lands committee, when C. J. Smyth, government counsel in the land grant case, explained the stand of the department of justice, and Chairman Ferris volunteered the statement that Secretary Lane favored the Chamberlain plan and was in accord with the attorney-general.

It also developed at today's hearing that there is a joker in one of the new provisions recommended by the attorney-general and the smiles that were evident on the faces of committee members when Representative Sinnott made this known indicated that this provision may have to be eliminated.

Mr. Smyth was emphasizing the justice of the amendment recommended by the attorney-general permitting those who had contracted to buy lands from the railroad company, but who have not yet made payment in full and have not secured title, to get title in the manner as provided in the innocent purchaser's act. He said some 50,000 acres were tied up in executory contracts. Mr. Sinnott asked who would benefit by this provision.

"A number of poor people," replied Mr. Smyth.

"Is Mr. C. A. Smith one of the 'poor people' who would benefit under this amendment?" asked Mr. Sinnott.

Mr. Smyth was evidently flustered, but admitted that C. A. Smith was one of the beneficiaries.

"How extensive are Mr. Smith's contracts?" asked Mr. Sinnott.

"I do not know," answered Mr. Smyth, "but they are very large." His disclosure that the attorney-general's amendment will operate to confirm uncompleted sales to C. A. Smith opened the eyes of the committee.

# \$75,000 BOAT SELLS FOR OVER \$300,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The old naval collier Justin, over the sale of which a row was precipitated in California street three weeks ago, was today re-sold by the government, the successful bidder being N. H. Hussey Jr., of New York.

Hussey's bid for the Justin was \$301,167.

On January 24 the government sold the Justin to John Rothschild of this city for \$225,200.

The sale, however, was vigorously protested by W. R. Grace & Co., of this city, whose bid was \$200 lower, but which was the highest bid sent by mail to Washington.

Grace & Co. declared knowledge of their bid had leaked out, and had caused Rothschild to raise his own earlier mail bid by wire two hours before the bids were opened.

As a result of the protests received by the government decided to cancel all bids and readvertise the collier.

The Justin was appraised by the government appraisers at \$75,000, and was then declared by shipping men to be worth even less.

# LARGE PORTLAND MILL IS HIT BY A \$150,000 FIRE

**OPERATING PLANT OF INMAN-POULSEN CO. DESTROYED BUT YARDS ESCAPE.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BLAZE UNDER CONTROL IN 30 MINUTES**

**Insurance Estimate 90 Per Cent and Immediate Rebuilding on Adjustment Promised, Indicating Ninety Days of Idleness.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—Fire, which started under the double circular saw of the Inman-Poulsen mill, foot of East Sherman street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, destroyed property valued at approximately \$150,000. The fire was confined to the operating plant in the yards being burned. According to the statement of Johan Poulsen, secretary-treasurer of the company, the insurance on the loss will be 90 per cent.

Work of rebuilding the plant and installing the new machinery necessary will be done as soon as the insurance adjustments have been made.

It is estimated by R. D. Inman, president of the company, that at least 60 days will be consumed in rebuilding, meaning that more than 200 men out of the total of 250 employed by the company will be out of employment during that time.

The Inman-Poulsen mill is the largest on the river, and has a 10-hour capacity of 350,000 feet.

Despite the difficulty of the engine companies in getting adequate water supply, due to the location of the mill, and despite the fact that the mill was a mass of flames by the time the first engine company arrived, the fire had been controlled within half an hour after the alarm was turned in.

Just what the cause of the fire was is undetermined.

The aptness of coincidence was never more strikingly illustrated than by the fact that the first alarm was sent in from box 258—at exactly 2:55 o'clock.

Within two minutes after the fire was discovered the entire section of the mill where the main saws are located was a mass of flames, according to R. J. Coates, head sawyer, who was in charge there.

# CAR SHORTAGE HERE BECOMING SERIOUS

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC AND OTHER ROUTES HAVE UNFILLED ORDERS FOR MANY CARS.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—Shortage of available freight cars on the western railroads is becoming more acute each day. The Southern Pacific is the worst hit, with orders for hundreds of cars that cannot be filled. The O. W. R. & N. reported today that its shortage is about 300, while the S. P. & S., which heretofore has denied any trouble in supplying rolling stock, admitted it has a shortage of between 30 and 40.

Advices from the eastern terminals where cars are congested are not reassuring. Warehouses are jammed with freight at all docks and there is room for no more. Accordingly, the freight is being held in the cars that carried it, the railroads and consignees finding it easier to pay the demurrage charges than to build new warehouses.

The Great Northern has a few extra cars which it has promised the S. P. & S., but the Northern Pacific has none to spare. The Oregon Short Line has promised some cars to the O. W. R. & N., but it has only a few.

What makes the congestion the more marked right now is the eagerness of grain men to get their grain to market before the taxpaying period expires.

# PRIEST DECLARES CHURCH FUND NOT USED FOR SPREAD

**COST OF BANQUET AT CHICAGO GREATLY EXAGGERATED, HE MAINTAINS.**

**COOK MAKING CHARGE CRITICIZED FOR QUARRELING WITH LIVING**

**Act of Anarchists is Declared to Have Done Service to Catholic Church by Calling Attention to Calumnies.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Denial that the Catholic church here spent any money for the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein, which the poisoner, Jean Croues, charged was extravagant, was made tonight by Right Rev. Francis Kelly, president of the Catholic Church Extension society, under whose auspices the banquet was given.

Croues' letter asserted that the church spent \$15 a plate and included beluga caviar and champagne in the menu. Rev. Father Kelly issued a statement explaining the purpose of the banquet.

"Neither the Catholic church nor the Catholic Church Extension society," he says, "paid one penny out of its funds for the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein. The banquet was given by a few gentlemen of Chicago who are interested in the society, and for the sole purpose of having the archbishop meet the city's leading business and professional men—but chiefly the employers of labor."

"The society's name was used only because the donors, who are mostly life members, so desired and the officials of the society gladly acquiesced and took charge of the banquet arrangements. These same gentlemen are themselves large employers of labor and the most charitable and generous men."

"The banquet did not cost \$15 a plate nor one-third of that amount. The University club itself co-operated by spending every penny it received on the service and is in no way to blame for the mishap. The decorators, the printers, the painters and everyone else connected with the banquet did likewise, without being asked. The Paulist chorists were there 125 strong, and would not take a penny for their services. It is rather odd, to say the least, that a cook should object to what gives him his living."

"Croues' act did more to injure his fellow chefs and waiters than anyone else. He did a service to the Catholic church by calling the attention of public men to the danger of granting unbridled license to calumny and abuse of public agents for good."

# BARTHOLOMEW HEARD FROM

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—A note addressed to a Portland paper and signed "George Bartholomew" was picked up by some boys as it floated down South Mill creek, sealed up in a bottle. The note was found by the son of Frank Smith and turned over to Sheriff Schell this morning. It was dated December 29 from Salem.

The writer speaks of John Linn, who was recently murdered in Portland and whose body was placed in a trunk and thrown into the river.

The letter is as follows:

"To the Editor: Having seen in your paper that I am wanted for the murder of Linn, I take this opportunity and occasion to acquaint you with the fact that I am still enjoying good health and freedom, and despite the fact that the Scotland Yard of the west (Portland police) are exerting superhuman efforts to encompass my downfall. As a moral squid the Portland police are very efficient, but as rounding up real criminals they are a huge joke. I will stay in Oregon a

# STATE IS NOT LIABLE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—Damages cannot be recovered by farmers on Butte creek, Clackamas county, either from the game warden or the state for depredations committed by beavers or other wild animals, according to an opinion rendered today by Attorney General Brown.

He pointed out that anyone suffering damages from wild animals can obtain permission from the commission to kill the animals.

# SILVERTON WILL GET \$500,000 SAWMILL

**BIG BODY OF TIMBER IN CLACKAMAS AND MARION COUNTIES WILL BE CUT.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—A modern sawmill will be built by the Silver Falls Timber company at Silverton this spring at a cost of approximately \$500,000.

The plant will be operated in connection with the loggers camps of the same company near Silverton.

M. C. Woodard, general manager of the company, has just returned from the east, where he purchased the necessary machinery and equipment for the mill.

The company owns about 35,000 acres of first-class timber land in Marion and Clackamas counties, tapped by this logging road.

# 7 KILLED AND 50 HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 22.—Seven persons were killed and 50 injured near Milford today when the second section of the Connecticut river special train, between Springfield and New York, on the New York, New Haven & Hartford, crashed into the rear of the first section.

The boiler of the engine of the second section exploded, wrecking a freight train on the opposite track.

Physicians, nurses and ambulances were sent to the scene from New Haven and Bridgeport.

Two coaches of the first section were tumbled over an embankment, and at least two bodies pinned underneath.

Four tracks were blocked by the accident.

# PORTLAND CLUBWOMAN MAY BE CANDIDATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, president of the Parent-Teacher council of Portland and one of the most active workers in the city in behalf of child welfare and educational movements, is expected in a short time to announce herself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from Multnomah county.

She is being urged by many friends to permit her name to go on the primary election ballot, and today she said she was considering the matter very seriously, and probably would consent to making the race.

"I feel there are a number of things that ought to be done by the next legislature in the interest of child welfare and the schools particularly, and if my friends want to get behind a campaign for me, I would be willing to go to the legislature," said Mrs. Stephens.

# BE GOOD AND LIVE LONG, SAYS DOCTOR

**MUCH WATER, RIGHT LIVING AND PEACE OF MIND DECLARED SECRET OF OLD AGE.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—"Live clean, take plenty of cold-water baths and don't worry."

That is the prescription of some of the most expensive experts on longevity, and is guaranteed by them to prolong life, if anything will. At least so they said at a midwinter dinner of the Physicians' Club, of Chicago, at Hotel LaSalle, at which Dr. Frank Billings, Dr. John B. Murphy and Professor Charles M. Childs, of the University of Chicago, spoke.

As an encouragement to all ambitious to live to a ripe old age, Dr. Murphy proved by statistics taken from the lives of 1,236,368 people that in the last 400 years the span of life has doubled. In figures it has risen from 19 to 35 years.

The lengthening of the average life has been due to increased knowledge of physicians and surgeons, Dr. Murphy declared, and as the knowledge of surgery and medicine advances the span of life continues to lengthen.

"Tendency toward long life may be inherited," said Dr. Billings, "and if the progenitors are physically fit the offspring of such men and women have a splendid chance to start life with sound bodies and strong constitutions."

"A man is just as old as he feels. Let him keep his circulation in good order and his mind active and clean if he wants to live long."

"Early surroundings and the conditions under which lives have to be lived exercise much influence on their length. Take the farmer boy, rugged, hearty and healthy in the open air, and compare him with the city boy studious and comparatively weak in the overcrowded streets of a populous place."

Consider those two at the age of 50. The farmer then is likely to be bowed with work and age before his time, while the city boy still will be erect and sturdy, because his tasks have been more suited to his physical capacity.

"Long life depends in large part upon hygiene, right methods of living, fresh air, proper exercise and peace of mind. Cold baths stimulate circulation and exercise helps circulation. But one must do what one wants to do, whether it be walking, golfing, swimming or bowling."

# CONTRACTS FOR TWO SHIPS SOON SIGNED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—Negotiations for the construction of the two \$800 ton steamers here, wanted by foreign interests, are practically closed and signed contracts are expected within a day or two.

F. A. Hitchings, who has closed with other American ship yards for steamers for A. O. Anderson & Company, a prominent Norwegian ship operating concern, and officials of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and the Northwest Steel Co., were in conference yesterday and the final details will be completed shortly.


The Willamette Iron & Steel works and the Northwest Steel company plan a joint construction enterprise which promises to be one of the greatest industries in the city. A \$1,500,000 ship-building plant is to be located on the flat south of the Northwest Steel company's plant at the foot of Sheridan street which will employ in his neighborhood of 1500 men and turn out steel steamers of the heavy offshore type.

## Driving the brain starts the pain

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**Dr. Miles' Nervine** is highly recommended for all Nervous disorders. It is particularly invaluable to business women. Regulate your bowels by using **DR. MILES' LIVER PILLS**

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# KOREA IS ANOTHER BELGIUM, HE SAYS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—In retaliation for Colonel Roosevelt's criticism of the Wilson administration for not protesting against the violation of Belgium's neutrality, United States Senator Stone, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, today introduced a resolution in the senate calling for all the diplomatic correspondence which passed between the United States and Korea during the Russo-Jap war.

"This incident," said Senator Stone, parallels Belgium's case, yet Colonel Roosevelt offered no objection."

The resolution was adopted without any objection.

# MOLALLA ROUTE NO. 3 DAILY SERVICE SOUGHT

**DAILY REPORTS WANTED.**

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The Oregon public service commission has sent out notices to railroads in the state to report each day upon the number of cars which they have available for Oregon loading. The commission is determined to secure the equitable proportion of cars for shippers of the state even if it is necessary to take up the question with the interstate commerce commission.

The commission has recently received numerous complaints from Oregon shippers, lumber dealers especially, that insufficient cars are being furnished by the railroads and it is determined to afford relief. A telegram was received by the Oregon commission yesterday from the interstate commerce commission which stated that a car shortage exists in the middle western states. The commission desires to know what is the situation in Oregon.

Mr. Hawley contends that this route is composed almost wholly of parts of old routes, and to provide this route only three a week would reduce existing service.

# BRANSON GETS LIFE

M'INNINVILLE, Ore., Feb. 18.—William Branson was this morning sentenced by Judge Belt to life imprisonment for the murder of William Booth near Willamina, October 8, 1915.

The trial of Mrs. Annie Booth, wife of the victim, indicted with Branson for the murder, will be held March 6.

Branson has just passed his majority.

# VALLEY MERCHANTS ORGANIZE

WOODBURN, Ore., Feb. 17.—The Willamette Valley Merchants' association was organized at Woodburn Wednesday by merchants from Hubbard, Aurora, Barlow, Canby, Gervais, Silverton, Scotts Mills, Molalla and this city.

Officers elected were J. W. Sidler, Aurora, president; A. W. Kraus, Aurora, vice-president; F. W. Haskell, Woodburn, secretary; A. E. Austin, Woodburn, treasurer; George Fletcher, Canby, and George Cusler, Silverton, advisory board. The main object of the association is to cement interests.

# CALIFORNIA WINS ITS FIGHT FOR TIDELANDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The supreme court has ruled in the case of the Thanning company against the state of California that the owner of riparian rights to tidewater lands in California must yield when public authorities desire to improve the land below the high water mark.

The court held, too, that the rights of private owners are subordinate to the wants of the public. The case involved a number of lots at Wilmington, Los Angeles county.

# GERARD IS INJURED.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—American Ambassador Gerard today broke his collarbone in an accident.

The accident happened while the envoy was skiing near Munich. He was taken immediately to Berlin for X-ray examination at a hospital.

Gerard's left leg was found to be injured.

# ASTORIA WINS RATE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Rates between Pacific coast cities and the Inland Empire of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho will undergo sweeping revision as the result of today's Interstate Commerce Commission decision upholding the complaint of Astoria, Ore., against the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and other lines.

Undue discrimination was found to exist in favor of Puget sound ports under the existing rates, and the decision places Astoria on a rate parity with Seattle and Tacoma.

The commission commented on the fact that ocean liners do not stop at Astoria as long as lower rate rates exist from the Inland Empire to Puget sound cities.

# Cut This Out—It is Worth Money.

**DON'T MISS THIS.** Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for laryngitis, coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for lame back, weak kidneys, rheumatism, bladder troubles, and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
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