

THE OREGON HORSE

Something of His History and Quality.

THE MUCH-ENDURING CAYUSE

General Condition of the Horse Industry in the Willamette Valley—Large and Profitable Demand.

By a Staff Writer.—Third Letter.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Nov. 19.—I know of nothing more interesting in the general development of domestic conditions in Oregon than the local history of the horse. In the days before the white man came the country swarmed with horses of the "Cayuse" breed, inferior in size and of notoriously bad disposition, but with a surprising hardihood in respect both of usage and neglect. The stories of pioneer experience with this native breed of horses put credulity to the test, for they double-discounted before the eyes of the primitive and hard conditions of the young men known to civilized usage. Rides of 100 miles or more in a day under the most desperate conditions of roads and weather appear to have been common. A member of my own family connection, away back in the '40's, a man of 200 pounds weight, rode an 800-pound Cayuse pony from a point on the Columbia River to North Yamhill, over the Scappoose mountain trail—a distance of over six hours, making the return trip next day; and all without apparent hardship to the horse. This incident is but one of many which illustrate the amazing endurance of the breed of horses which occupied the country before the coming of the white man, and which in the pioneer era rendered him an essential service; for be it remembered that almost the lifetime of a generation passed before there was one means than saddle-back of getting about the country and that during this long period the cheap, spry, easily-kept and much-enduring Cayuse was the main dependence. In truth the Cayuse was the predecessor of the railroad, for he was the common-carrier of the country. He bore the supplies of the pioneer settlers; he made intercourse between neighbor and neighbor possible; he bore the preacher and his congregation to the place of service; he bore the Judge on his circuit; he bore the children to school; he bore our pioneer grandfathers and grandmothers to the quiltings and the barn-raising, which made their chief social diversion; he carried the pioneer doctor on many a long and swift race with death.

It goes without saying that there was good stuff in the Cayuse. And there was a reason why. When thirteen centuries ago the Arabian went forth to conquer the Western Asiatic world for God and his prophet Mahomet, he rode a pure-blood native horse. When later the triumphant armies of the True Prophet passed into the Barbary countries they rode Arabian horses. When still later the Moors made conquest of Spain they rode with them horses descended from the Arab stock and during the long Moorish occupation this breed, being far superior to the native Spanish stock, became engrafted upon the country. And when, following the discovery of Columbus, Spanish armies crossed the Atlantic to Mexico they brought horses of Arab blood. The rest of the story hardly needs to be recited. There was not a horse in America when the Columbus landed; the horses of the tribes of the West were well supplied with them, drawn from the Spanish-Mexican stock. In breeding, hard fare, savage usage worked their natural results, and the product was—and is—a dwarfed, but tempered and tricky beast. But with all his faults, the Cayuse is, in his form and markings, and, above all, in his qualities, an Arab. He has the Arab gait, and the Arab power to endure at speed; and he responds with wonderful quickness and equally wonderful effects as to form and spirit under abundant feed and civilized care and usage. This story of the Cayuse horse is by no means new; I have myself told it before in these columns, and I tell it now because it is related to an interesting experiment about to be made in the crossing of the Cayuse with the thoroughbred, to be described further on in this series of letters.

It was in the nature of things that the horses brought into the country by the pioneers should be good of their kind. Before starting it was realized that the animals carried across the plains would form the foundation stock of the country. And this motive combined with the necessity of taking only animals presumably competent by their individual merit for the long and arduous journey made the selection a careful one. The trip, too, served to strengthen the stock by weeding out and dropping by the wayside such as lacked stamina. It was literally the survival of the strong with horses as with men; and it was a hardy and enduring race of horses which upon arrival here took the name of "American" to distinguish them from Indian bred. At first there were few sires, but this was corrected long before the "forties" ran out, and by the early "fifties" the country was fairly supplied with them. Three famous horses at this time dominated the "American" breed—"George" in Marion County, "Henry" in Yamhill, and "John" in Washington. It was a wonderful trio; and, bred to the hardy mares who had endured the trip across the plains, they produced a surprisingly fine progeny, sound, large, shapely, hardy and with fine style and action. This was the celebrated Oregon horse which gained for early breeders their reputation in the San Francisco market and which made the early team and carriage stock of the country what it was. A foreigner—an Englishman—who visited Oregon about 1871, has put it upon record that never anywhere had he noted such general excellence in the form of horse flesh as could be seen in heavy harness work in the then small town of Portland. "The Oregon horse" of middling weight and height," he said, "is almost unequalled for his excellence of appearance and quality."

Vancover Light Plant Arrives. VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The machinery for the new electric light plant has all arrived, and Manager Harvey expects to have the plant in operation about December 1. The plant will be new in every respect, all the machinery of the old plant having been replaced with the latest pattern. The new engine is 500 horsepower and capable of supplying light for a city of 15,000 people. The city has been without street lights since last April.

Cremery for Jefferson. INDEPENDENCE, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—K. C. McBride, proprietor of the Independence cremery, is establishing a similar institution at Jefferson, Marion County. The two plants will be operated independent of one another.

NOT M'BRIDE'S CHOICE

GOVERNOR DOESN'T WANT SMITH FOR PRESIDENT OF SENATE.

Is Railroad Candidate, and Would Not Be Satisfactory to Friends of Commission B.E.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Senator J. J. Smith, of King County, is not satisfactory to Governor McBride and friends of the Railroad Commission bill as president of the State Senate. Such is the statement made by J. Howard Watson, Governor McBride's private secretary. Tuesday morning the Spokesman-Review printed a dispatch from Seattle, stating that Senator Baker, of Klickitat, and Senator Hamilton, of Pierce, both railroad adherents, had withdrawn from the race for President of the Senate in favor of Dr. Smith, and that the latter's candidacy was also satisfactory to the friends of Governor McBride and the commission bill.

Wednesday the Spokesman-Review sent a dispatch to Mr. Watson asking if it were true that Smith is satisfactory to McBride. The following reply was received from Mr. Watson, under an Olympia date: "Dr. Smith is the railroad candidate for President of the Senate, and his election to that place would not be satisfactory to Governor McBride or to any of his friends. Use this information as you wish." J. HOWARD WATSON.

JAILBREAK KEPT SECRET.

Escape of Baker City Prisoner Not Known for Three Weeks.

BAKER CITY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The escape from the county jail of Baker City of a somewhat important prisoner, a secret that had been sacredly guarded by the Sheriff and jailer ever since, was made public this afternoon. For more than two weeks the jail delivery was kept a secret from Captain Sam White, the District Attorney, who was during that time preparing for a vigorous prosecution of the prisoner. The prisoner is J. J. Jackson, a negro, who is charged with breaking open a freight car and stealing merchandise from it at Huntington last August. The O. R. & N. Co. and the sheriff were both anxious to prosecute the suspect strenuously, and after some trouble Jackson was arrested at Pendleton, and has since then been in the county jail, until he sawed the bars and fled at 10 o'clock one morning three weeks ago. Jackson escaped while the jailer was up town at a restaurant ordering breakfast for the prisoner. He left a faceted note, saying he might be back in a week, and at any rate he would return in time for his trial. Marshal Hannon, of Huntington, came to Baker City last Wednesday with the stolen property, which Captain White desired to use as evidence in the trial of Jackson, which was billed to come off in the Circuit Court next week. The Marshal desired to see the prisoner, and then he was told that he had escaped. He searched him in other climes. Marshal Hannon then notified the District Attorney.

Will Be Called to Fill Vacancy in Washington Legislature.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Under the constitutional provision, the Governor will call a special election to fill the vacancy in the Lewis County representation caused by the death of Hon. H. H. Martin. It is certain that it will be Centralia man nominated, as this was conceded to this part of the county in the last convention. It is thought a hard fight will be put up, as the securing of one Representative for any one of the Senatorial candidates at the present uncertain complexion of the State Legislature may result in the securing of two. No candidates have been announced as yet.

NAMEPLATE IS REMOVED.

Taken From Walla Walla School-house During Storm.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Some time late Tuesday night, during a terrific rain storm, the huge nameplate on the front of the Walla Walla Public School was torn from its position on the tower, lowered to the ground, 35 feet below, and hidden or destroyed. The deed was either a schoolboy prank or the work of persons opposed to the changing of the name of the school some months ago to Lincoln. The members of the Board of Education declare the latter are the guilty ones. Intense feeling was displayed when the name of the building was changed, and a petition presented to the School Directors asking that the old name be retained was pigeonholed.

ASTORIA MARINE NOTES.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The American barkentine Addenda cleared today for Cape Town for orders, with 785,247 feet of lumber, which was loaded at Knappaon.

Want Troops to Take Their Train.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—There are 18 traveling agents and others connected with all the railroads doing business between the Pacific Coast and Fort Walla Walla, for the purpose of soliciting among the discharged men of the Ninth Cavalry to go East over their lines. Over 100 troops will receive their final discharge between now and December 1, in compliance with Army orders to cut down the regiment to its minimum strength.

Music Instructors for McMinville.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Miss Susie Annette Gordon, of San Jose, Cal., and Miss Gertrude Allen, of Pacific University conservatory, arrived today to take up the work in the musical department of McMinville College, vacant by the resignation of Miss Rose M. Trumbull. Miss Gordon will instruct in vocal music and Miss Allen in instrumental.

Joseph Herman, of Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Joseph Herman died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George M. Wele, this morning of old age. Deceased was a native of Austria, and was born in 1858. He had been a resident of this country for a number of years past. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

WILL MEAN \$100,000 PROFIT.

State of Oregon Will Gain If Forest Reserve Is Created.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—If the Government finally decides to create a forest reserve in Northwestern Oregon, as indicated by the withdrawal from entry announced in today's Oregonian, the State of Oregon will be the gainer by over \$100,000. The tracts mentioned contain about 25,000 acres of unreserved school lands, and these are practically valueless at present. If a reserve should be created so as to include this land, the state would have the privilege of relinquishing the school lands to the Government for \$100,000. It is possible that the school lands in the reserve will aggregate 25,000 acres, which would mean \$100,000 to the state.

FOR LUTHERAN COLLEGE.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 19.—The United Lutheran School Association of the Pacific Northwest will be incorporated as a result of the conference now in session here. The trustees are Rev. N. I. Elliott, vice-president of the United Lutheran Church in America; Rev. J. H. Jensen, of Spokane; and Rev. J. H. Jensen, of Spokane; and Rev. J. H. Jensen, of Spokane; and Rev. J. H. Jensen, of Spokane.

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LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Louis de Petris died here this morning. He was a native of France, but had been in America for many years, and in La Grande the last 12 years, where he was well known as the proprietor of a restaurant. He was a member of the local lodge of Foresters and also of the Eagles.

Rains Wash Out Mining Dam.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The heavy rains and high water of Rogue River have washed out a large portion of the dam at the Connor Water & Power Company, at Yolo. Eighty men of the crew have been laid off, and work is practically abandoned for the Winter.

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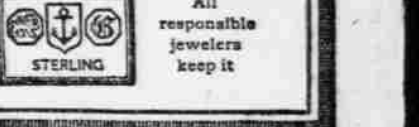
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The inference clearly is that only occasionally is advice of value. But when an expert's advice is asked on

Gorham Silver

and he pronounces emphatically in its favor, that advice may be assumed to be of value. Experience, indeed, has proved that for three-quarters of a century Gorham silverware has been distinguished for beauty of design, excellence of workmanship and purity of quality, characteristics vouched for by the Gorham trade-mark.



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