

JOAQUIN MILLER TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK

Famous Poet of the Sierras in Portland on His Way East.

HAS BOUGHT OREGON HOME

Plans to Spend His Summers on Ranch Near Siuslaw and Will Go to California for Winters.

Attired in the same style of dress that has accompanied his fame throughout the country, and with his fatherly manners that have made him a favorite with everyone, Joaquin Miller, the venerable poet and prose writer of Oregon and California, arrived in Portland last evening en route to the East, where he will publish his latest book, "For Love Is All; In All, Love." Mr. Miller is staying at the Imperial Hotel.

Some time ago the poet purchased a tract of land near Siuslaw, where, in the future, he intends to make his residence and build another house which he can call home.

"I will spend my Summers on my Oregon farm," he said last night, shortly after his arrival, "and my Winters at my place in California near Fruitvale, and my latest purchase is a beautiful place, and has enchanting surroundings. I shall spend my days fishing and hunting and riding over the mountains which lead to the sea beyond."

Mr. Miller says he is feeling better than he ever did in his life, in spite of his 64 years.

"I feel so good at times," he continued, "that I am tempted to fight the first big, strapping fellow I meet, just to amuse the crowd, and I have done so."

"I love to look back to the days of old, during the '60's, when I was a County Judge in Eastern Oregon by daylight and fought Indians at night," he declared.

"Times were different in those days. We did not have the modern implements of war, nor the libraries to study law that the present age has produced. About all I possessed then was an old law book and two six-shooters. That was down near Canyon City."

Speaking of the early days reminded Mr. Miller that his two first books, "Specimens" and "Joaquin," were published in Portland by George Himes, now secretary of the Historical Society.

This is Mr. Miller's first visit to Portland since last year, when he was the guest of the Exposition on "Miller day." "Think of it!" he exclaimed; "there was one day that was truly mine. And how I am cited it. And how I look back and think about the great honor bestowed upon me by the citizens of Portland and Oregon. How a man loves to be loved. Do you remember what Browning says: 'And a man isn't loved every day.' Every time I recall my day at the Fair it brings to my memory Browning's words. And I think of the occasion often. It was a great honor, and I shall never forget it."

As Mr. Miller talks his great mind asks, and now and then he will bring out something amusing, followed almost instantly with pathos. He always refers to himself in the lighter vein. He likes to talk about his homes, his writings, and how he and others and how he passes the time away.

"I have written too much already," he said, when questioned about whether he had undertaken any new books to write. He related how he writes, how he has written and how he will always write.

"I am methodical in my writings. I can't help but be so. The gray-haired, white-whiskered poet said, 'I am an early riser and invariably do my work in the morning. I never write with my clothes on. The work is done just as I arise from my bed. I take my coffee first and follow it with a cigar. Then I sit down and write for an hour or so, or just as I feel like it. Some days I will write something every morning for a week. Then, perhaps, the notion will leave me and I will not touch the pen for a day or two or continue to write every other day and so on.'"

Mr. Miller still uses the old-style quill pen.

The plates of all of Joaquin Miller's works, with the exception of "Memories in Rhyme," were destroyed in the San Francisco fire. They were all in readiness to go on the press, and were a total loss. The book which was to have contained all of the author's writings would have covered 800 pages.

Mr. Miller was asked which home he considered the best—the one in Oregon or the other near Fruitvale, in Redwood Canyon. Tears came to the old man's eyes as he thought a moment.

"My other home," he said, "meaning the one in California, 'has never seemed the same since mother died. I can never think of it without thinking of her. I wrote many of my best works there, but after the death of my mother it just seemed that I couldn't stay there any longer. I came up to Oregon, purchased some land, and shall spend the Summers there for the rest of my life.'"

Mr. Miller will remain here until today or tomorrow, when he leaves for New York and Boston on business in connection with the publication of his new book. He considers "For Love Is All; In All, Love," one of his best works. The "City Beautiful," though, he still regards as his masterpiece.

SCHOOL GIRLS SHOW SKILL IN CULTIVATION OF SWEET PEAS



EXHIBIT ON THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL.

It was one of the most beloved monuments which formerly led to the veneration and respect of our courts of law by the people. The influence of law by the people to public sentiment, the fear of the criticism of the bureaucracy to which our Government is rapidly approaching, the tenacity of the persons elected or appointed to judicial positions, has induced many courts to permit the wealthy or prominent persons to receive compensation and ignore other American citizens, perhaps of less prominence or wealth. All this notwithstanding the constant request for justice.

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Flowers Raised by Schoolgirls Shown in City Hall.

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Beer Seeks Its True Level in Sewers

PEDESTRIANS passing the corner of Fourth and Washington streets yesterday afternoon were startled by a strong whiff of distilled hops. As they approached the northwest corner they were more than startled to see beer flowing in the gutter. The first thought that passed through the minds of the people was that perhaps Carrie Nation had suddenly come to town.

Real cold beer was actually running along the street. Upon further investigation, the curious people discovered that a careless driver of a beer wagon had accidentally dropped a case of beer which he was carrying into a nearby sewer. The broken bottles were cleaned up, the beer ran on to seek its level in the sewer, and the people passed on up and down the street, all blaming the extravagant beerman for his carelessness.

STRANGE APPARITION STARTLES PEOPLE OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

Ghostly Figure of Woman Flits Through Woods and About Farm-houses, and None Is Able to Stop Wraith's Wild Career.

LEADING Deputy Sheriffs and farmers, who have made many efforts to capture her, a wild woman, unknown and so strange in her behavior that people near St. Helens, Or., believe that she is an uncanny spirit, is wandering in the hills near there, dressed only in a flowing gown and subsisting on berries and roots. Who the woman is, where she came from, or what her age, no one knows. She made her appearance in the hills near St. Helens several days ago, and soon aroused the curiosity and later the fear of farmers in the vicinity by her peculiar actions in tearing down wire fences, wandering about at all hours of the night, frightening cattle, barnyard fowls and other animals that are unaccustomed to be disturbed at night.

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County Prize.

First—Division 2, Ethel Gostlow; second, Mary Adelaide Lewton; third, Fred Gibson. Second—Division 3, Gladys Holgate; Jennie Stebbin; third, Mattie Bauman. Third—Division 4, Cecelia Woodward. (Only one entry.) Division 5—First, Annie Brice, second, Lena Burlingame; third, Flossie Ogden. Exhibit Open Today.

The exhibit will be open again this afternoon and evening, and the public is cordially invited to call at the City Hall and inspect the fine results of the school children's work. The State Congress of Mothers is in charge of the exhibit, having accepted Superintendent Robinson's invitation to take the enterprise in hand in the absence of his regular teachers, who are away on vacations. Many of the girls are raising asters instead of sweet peas, and these will not be ready for competition until later in the season.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Ernest Bross, formerly managing editor of The Oregonian and now editor of the Indianapolis Star, is at the Portland, accompanied by Mrs. Bross. They will remain several days.

O. F. Paxton, the lawyer, is still critically ill at St. Vincent's Hospital, reports of his improvement being not entirely well founded. He is permitted to see no one, and it is not probable that he will be out of the hospital for many days. He seems to have taken a turn for the better, and strong hopes are now entertained that he will before long be out of danger.

CHICAGO, July 27.—(Special.)—Oregonians registered today as follows: Majestic—J. O. Clark, Portland. Sherman House—Mrs. Forland, Portland. Palmer House—Mrs. F. A. Clark, Portland.

NEW YORK, July 27.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered today as follows: From Portland—S. A. Hartman, at the Fifth Avenue. From Pullman, Wash.—J. W. Burgess, at the York.

From Spokane—R. L. Hamill, at the Grand. From Seattle—J. H. Wilson and wife, at the Grand Union.

A Lawyer's View of the Law.

PORTLAND, Or., July 27.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of July 26th in an editorial appears the following: "The law treats all alike." This is a most startling assertion, and it should not be permitted to go uncorrected.