

# Oregon in Retrospect



Roseburg in 1882.

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ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.) "Looking backward" has become a sort of fad in Roseburg since a local resident a few days ago found among her effects a photograph of the town, taken by a Portland firm of photographers early in 1882.

Since the resurrection of the old photograph it has been on display in the window of a newspaper office, where it has attracted wide attention from hundreds of the old-timers residing in this vicinity. The photograph shows the former home of F. F. Hogan, one of the early-day Sheriffs of Douglas County, at the time the photograph was taken the Hogan dwelling was considered one of the finest structures in Southern Oregon. Mr. Hogan now lives in Tacoma, where he is classed among the millionaires.

Conspicuously situated on a knoll some distance from the business center of the town as it was located in its early days, was the dwelling of Aaron Rose, founder of Roseburg, and in his time one of the best-known men in Western and Southern Oregon. Before

he died Mr. Rose donated to the city the tract of land now occupied by the City Hall.

The dwelling of Binger Hermann, ex-Commissioner of the General Land Office and an Representative in Congress from Oregon, was erected in 1881 and had been completed but a short time when the photograph was taken. The Hermann dwelling appears much the same today as it did when first constructed and was easily distinguished by old-timers who examined the photograph.

Merchant Celebrates 20th Year.

Among the prominent merchants in Roseburg in the year 1882 were Caro Bros., S. Marks & Co., H. C. Stanton and Sel Abraham. Simon Caro, a former member of the firm of Caro Bros., still lives here, where he conducts a store. Only a few days ago he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his arrival in Oregon. Mr. Caro first located in Jacksonville, but later came to Roseburg. The trip to this city was made by wagon stage and occupied several days.

H. C. Stanton is also still living in this city. He was one of the early-day

postmasters of Roseburg and was in charge of the postoffice when wagon stages were the chief means of transportation from Portland to San Francisco. Although aged, Mr. Stanton is still active and is enjoying the best of health. His home, which a few years ago was considered some distance from the center of the city, is now within a stone's throw of the business district.

Chief Resources Are Changed.

In 1882 Roseburg had a population of 1000. The chief resource in those days was wheatgrowing, which in later years has been abandoned to make way for the growing of fruits, which are characteristic of this vicinity. Several warehouses of large capacity dotted the business district of the town at that time.

Stockraising was also considered profitable in those days and thousands of cattle, sheep and other animals were marketed here annually.

With the passing of the stage coach between Portland and Roseburg in 1886 came the southern Pacific railroad, which for several years made its southern terminus in this city. It was later completed as far south as the California line, and subsequently was extended far into Southern California.

Inspection of the old photograph has recalled to the minds of many of the old-timers of this locality the visit of President Hayes and party to Roseburg more than 25 years ago. They came from the south, by stage coach, and were met some distance south of this city by a reception committee composed of many early settlers of this valley.

In commenting on the visit of President Hayes and party today, Mrs. O. C. Brown, wife of the present County School Superintendent and a native Douglas County woman, said:

"I can recall clearly the incidents that marked the coming to Roseburg of the Hayes party. A number of Roseburg people, including myself, went to meet them at the station. We awaited with intense interest the approach of the stage coach. I shall never forget the cheer that went out from the hillside as the white horses, drawing the specially decorated coach, galloped around the curve and stopped within a few feet of where I was standing. A finer group of horses never

pulled a stage coach over the Oregon and California stage line.

"After the exchange of greetings and a light luncheon, the Hayes party was escorted to town. The streets were alive with people on the occasion, for many Westerners had never had opportunity of viewing a chief executive of the United States.

"During his stay here Mr. Hayes slept in the dwelling then occupied by Judge Willis, one of the distinguished pioneer jurists of this section of Oregon. As I recall, President Hayes delivered an address here from the balcony of a hotel conducted by Louis Kiefer. The stage coach which brought Mr. Hayes and party to Roseburg was driven by Tom Burnett, who now lives a few miles south of Roseburg. In those days it was considered a great honor to hold the reins of the horses attached to a coach occupied by persons of prominence.

"Tom Burnett was one of the most trusted stage drivers of his day and was involved in a number of the most daring stage robberies in Southern Oregon. He once lost his nerve, however, and always escaped harm."

## GAY CHRISTMAS SONGS WIN POPULAR APPROVAL

Revival of European Custom Finds Favor and Children Especially Are Fond of Yuletide Carols—Religious Words Most Widely Known.

God rest you, merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christmas day, Was born on Christmas day.

BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES.

OLD Christmas carols of centuries gone by will be ringing out soon in church and Sunday school gatherings all over the city and state. Time has not changed the charm and beauty they possess. Their message is ever the same. Their appeal is strong. Those who have heard the carols in the old countries of Western Europe are doing a great part in popularizing them in this country. And their efforts are being rewarded by an enthusiastic response. The old carols are now most popular.

Many of the very oldest carols are well known here, but the romance and the fascination of the customs that attend the singing of them has not all been transplanted to this part of the world.

At Queen's College, Oxford, there is an old custom—the carrying in of the bear's head, which is attended by great festivity and the singing of the stanzas beginning:

The bear's head in hand bear I With garlands and rosmery, It is a rugged rhyme this "Caput Atri Defera" and the melody is rugged, too, but Queen's College adores it.

Some Words Are Given.

Many of the old melodies are of the ancient Dorian mode and the words are in the narrative style, but all are beautiful and remarkably full of feeling.

Here are a few lines from one of the oldest of the carols:

Good King Wenceslas looked out Upon the feast of Stephen When the snow lay round about, Deep and crisp and even.

"The Holly and the Ivy" was another that was well known in England, but is not so well known here as are some of the others. It has a quaint chorus that is distinctive:

The holly and the ivy Now both are full well grown, Of all the plants that see in the wood, The holly bears the palm, On the crown of the oak, The holly and the ivy, The playing of the merry organ, The sweet singing of the choir.

And they spelled it "quint" (no, not choir, in this instance, but it meant the same).

Wesley Hymn Favorite.

There is something particularly bright and melodious in the Christmas hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," written by Wesley with the music by Mendelssohn. This is heard in all Christian churches and is a favorite with the little children. Pretty little youngsters in vestments singing this hymn in church choirs make a most effective picture.

Phillips Brooks' Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" is the best known of the American carols.

An old and well-liked carol is: "White shepherds watched their flocks by all means on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down And gladdened them around."

F. W. Goodrich, who is interested in the promotion of the old carols said recently in speaking of the music appropriate for Christmas, "I wish everyone would read up on the carols. Sir Walter Scott has described the old customs of Washington Irving has given some fine descriptions and many other writers have caught the Christmas spirit faithfully in their writings.

Of the old hymn, Adonis Fidalis, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," Mr. Goodrich says, "I have so often seen it attributed to the Portuguese, but it was, I believe

written in the 11th century by St. Bonaventura and set to music about 1880 by John Redding, organist of Winchester College. In the 18th century, Vincent Novello, organist of the Portuguese chapel, arranged the music as we know it today. I suppose that is where the people have got the idea that the music is Portuguese."

Frost Attractive Setting.

The air should be crisp and the snow should be on the ground—and the singers should go from street to street to make the carol singing just right, but if the old traditions cannot be preserved in their entirety, there can be much of the zeal Christmas feeling and joy in the songs even if they are sung in church auditoriums. In Sunday school gatherings or in the home where little children cluster round the piano to blend their fresh young voices in Carol, sweetly carol, carol sweetly today, Bear the joyful things, O, bear them far away.

Here is the description of Christmas eve as my mother used to see it a good many years ago in England. In the village and countryside, in Sunday home great preparations had been made for the occasion. At least 60 mince pies were made expressly to give away. Cakes, ale and wine were stored in generous supplies. It was the custom.

Early in the evening there came the boisterous boys and their friends in fantastic headgear and costume. Loudly they announced "Here comes I, old Father Christmas, welcome or welcome not, I hope old Father Christmas will never be forgot." Straightway they received money and cakes, and proceeded to make merry, and it was their privilege to kiss the servant maids if they got a chance. It was quite a correct thing, and was applauded by the "ladies and gentlemen" of the household.

"Morris Men" Sing Carols.

In and about the village of Morston, which is about a mile from Buckingham and Stowe House, the "Morris men" went about singing Christmas carols. These maids were the young girls of the village who dressed in their best frocks, generally in white. They did this in honor of the two maids, "ye pious and magnificent founders of ye Morston Church," the daughters of ye Lord Pruet, who had set the example of pety money, many years before. These carolers got donations of mince pie and money. Ale and wine was rarely given to the younger singers.

It was the "ringers," young men with strings of bells which jingled and pealed an accompaniment to the caroling of the visitors.

They sang and danced on their way when the mummings appeared. These were in wondrous make-up and crude costumes. They sang and did "cat's" which were called "cat's" in those days, but the word explains the antics satisfactorily.

Not until about the midnight hour did the trained singers, the best of all the carol singers, make their appearance. Their singing was always appreciated and they received a hearty welcome, even though the hour was late. And then the bells rang out the Christmas morn, and early in the day everyone prepared to go to church.

The origin of carols lies far back in the history of a melodious past. The Saxons of pagan times kept Yule with holly and ivy dances. The Anglo-Norman Wassail songs of the thirteenth century were shouted in honor of Dan Noel. Ancient savagery often revealed

## SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS FINDS REMOTE SPOTS

Feasting Will Be Enjoyed at Isolated Lighthouses, While Dancing Will Make Happy Persons in Logging Districts.

BY ALFRED POWERS.

HOW is Christmas spent in the far-away places of Oregon? To you who live in Oregon's busy city or in Oregon's pleasant towns Christmas comes with its traditional and multiple accompaniments. In you the Christmas mood is stimulated by a hundred things—by tables set with feasts, by post cards, gifts, trees, candles and personal Santa Claus; by church services, gay windows of shops and insignia of the day in the way of seals and ribbons on your mail and packages; by an increased friendliness among your family and an added cordiality among your friends. In you the Christmas spirit is proclaimed and in the absence of these stimuli would Christmas still be Christmas?

Would Robinson Crusoe celebrate the day? Would his parrot say to him on the morning of the 25th, "Merry Christmas, Robin Crusoe?"

Christmas is Universal.

I believe that Robinson Crusoe would celebrate the day. I believe that the parrot would say to him, "Merry Christmas is universal. It is everywhere. There is no soul so unconventional in its attitude toward Christmas as some of the people who are what we are doing, its annual recurrence is inevitable. Christmas is incarnate in childhood with greatest emphasis; it is most tangible in the cities; but it is felt by the bias and the old; it reaches to places most distant and remote.

Certainly on December 25 the Christmas spirit is omnipresent in Oregon. It hovers with the fog over the Oregon prairies; it is with the snow upon the Oregon hills; it is with the surf along the Oregon beach; it is with the state feel it, and celebrate it—the lightkeepers, the loggers, the pioneer school teachers, the forest rangers and the homesteaders, that it doesn't practice some observance. Thus in the absence of all things else our own hearts contain a resource for Christmas. No matter who we are or what we are doing, its annual recurrence is inevitable. Christmas is incarnate in childhood with greatest emphasis; it is most tangible in the cities; but it is felt by the bias and the old; it reaches to places most distant and remote.

How is this spirit manifested at the Oregon lighthouses? The lights at Bandon, Gardiner and Newport are close to town, in whose Christmas festivities the keepers and their families may mingle. But Cape Blanco, Hecla and Tillamook lights are isolated and their Christmas cheer is of a different kind. At Cape Blanco there are no children. Santa Claus on his way from Bandon through Langlois to Port Orford will not have to make a side trip to that western and windy headland.

But there is a bride of just a few months at Cape Blanco, a girl who came from a home in a big busy city to be the wife of the second assistant keeper. It will be a different Christmas from any she has ever spent. From the mailbox there will come many postcards and letters and gifts. More active Christmasers will come in retrospect. But this will not mar her contentment or the sweet quiet of this Christmas.

Trucks Are Provided.

Outside the sea-pounds thunderously upon the beach, inside a brisk fire crackles in the fireplace. In the dining-room stands a table covered with snow-white linen, upon which in order appear the courses of the dinner which she has taken such delight in preparing. The piece de resistance is turkey. This is a special piece of good fortune. It is not often that turkeys, which grow in the warm valleys and on the sunny hills of the interior, make

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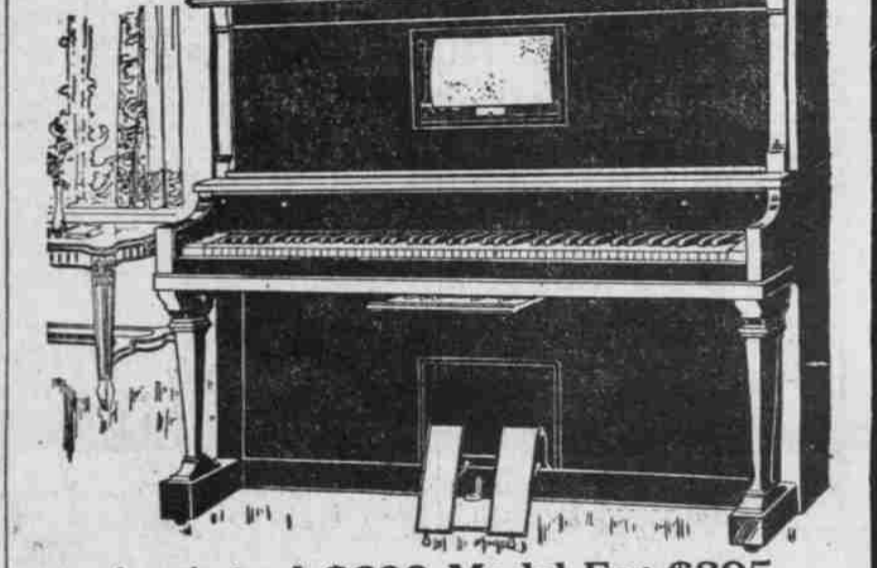
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