

BOOK WRITTEN BY DR. JOHN POWELL LAURENS OREGON FAMILY

Monmouth Pioneer Writes History of Early Days When Indians and Hardships Beset Path of Argonauts.

By P. BURTON ARANT. MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—"The Powell Family" is the title of a new book which has just been published by Dr. J. M. Powell of this city.

It also has an account of their ancestors and a record of their descendants and relatives, several hundred of whom live in the Willamette valley. There are many intimate sketches and personal accounts of the pioneers, and poetry selections describing scenes and narrating events that are held precious in the hearts of their children and friends.

Weishman Founda Family. The Powell ancestry is traced to John Powell who was born in Wales and came to Oregon in 1766. He served in the Revolutionary war, afterward settling in Virginia, where he married the governor's daughter.

The members of the Powell train in 1825 were well fitted to endure the hardships of the pioneer life. They were men of rugged constitution and resolute purposes, and turned their faces toward the unexplored west—the new land of promise with the country that comes from an abiding faith in God.

John Alkire Powell was born on a farm near Zenith, Ohio, February 28, 1857, reads an excerpt from the book. "He was a volunteer in the Mohawk Indian war with Lincoln. As captain of the train across the plains he made friends with the Indians, and often obtained their aid in building bridges across flooded streams, averting stages of angry days."

After coming to Oregon in 1861—before the days of church houses—the pioneer in the pioneer's manner of house and residence all over western Oregon, and traveled horseback the length of the trail, establishing churches and sowing the seed for future religious work.

John Powell had a powerful physique, he was tall in height and weighed 225 pounds. His indomitable will, he knew no task unattainable. His commanding appearance, his clear vision, his logic and magnetic energy enabled him to hold the undivided attention of his audiences for an hour or more.

John Powell (1808-1875) was born at Dayton, Ohio.—Continues the history, "and lived in Oregon, moving to Monmouth, Oregon, in 1857. He married Mary Smith, sister of his brother John's wife—in 1850. He settled in Marion county, Oregon, in 1850, where he was one of the founders of Powell's Prairie in Marion county.

he was carrying chain Mr. Lincoln told a rabbit story; the chainmen lost count and had to rechain the line. "Did you think that Mr. Lincoln would some day be a great man?" I asked, and he said, "We knew that he was a great man."

"Although he did not hesitate to reprove, he never criticized the absent; he never heard him repeat an unpleasant fact or bit of gossip. I think the reason he found it so easy to make a joke of other people was because he believed it absolutely."

"The Powell Family" is dedicated to the Powell Memorial society, which was organized two years ago when nearly 200 Powell relatives met in the Copeland grove, on the site of the John A. Powell donation land claim eight miles east of Albany, Dr. J. M. Powell was elected president and a brief constitution was adopted. At each annual meeting the fourth Sunday in June semi-religious and patriotic programs have been rendered, and a basket dinner and day of good fellowship enjoyed.

From a crag on the heights of unexplored land I had looked out to sea, And made a place with an untamed race In the land of the "yet-to-be."

THE following hand came up in a recent game. It brings up a number of interesting points which the beholder the student carefully study:

Y's taking flight at the double, foolishly shifted to three no trumps and in so doing met his Waterloo. Though as he afterwards explained, he knew the adversaries held diamonds and that diamonds would be immediately declared, he had no doubt in his mind that he could defeat the spades. Furthermore, that as he and his partner were considerably behind on penalties, he felt it was a golden chance to make up some of the lost points.

He reckoned without his host, however, played at spades, Y would just make his contract, the Z's at the double would give Z-X a total score of 275-54 for tricks, 18 for honors, 30 for making a double and 250 for rubber.

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Whether or not B would win the first round of trumps would not affect the result. The chances are that he would, and at the next trick go on with the forcing game by the lead of another diamond, would queen trump and would then be left with three trumps, the two best, queen and jack, and the nine. As he would never be made unless the player knew that B had all the remaining

trumps not in his own hand, his play then would be to drop the trumps and turn to one of his side suits, preferably clubs, of which he held ace and king and one small, and dummy four to the queen and jack. The third round of the suit would put dummy in the lead and he would lead a small heart to his own queen. A second heart lead would force B to trump and then have nothing but trumps left. He would be forced to lead a trump right up to declarer's tenace. B would give anything to be able to make a trick in either club or spades, suit would have an asset to his hand, as it would compel declarer to lead to his and so reverse the positions and the relative advantages. Should he lead the ten of trumps it would fall to declarer's jack, while should he lead the ace, he would enable declarer to win to win. It would truly be a case of Scylla and Charybdis, of avoiding one danger but to run into another.

There are many players who seem of the opinion that trumps are everything and side suits are of no value. Such players are apparently oblivious of the fact that side suits are often of great value. In fact, the declarer and so weakening his trumps, at times to the point where he is unable to lead and exhaust his opponents. An advance in the hand, the trumps are exhausted, the side suits attain the same value as the trump suit, so far as the declarer is concerned, the declarer then on becomes practically a no-trump hand and is governed by the same conditions. As has been shown, B has been very judicious in the handling of the side suits in this hand that Y, the declarer, would have been able to make game had he bid remained at the doubled trump.

Another disadvantage which accrued to Y by his shift from the doubled spades to trumps at which bid the adversaries made penalties to the value of 200, was that the rubber was still left open. At the doubled spade it would have been definitely closed.

Another section will be devoted to the many activities in Portland, with superb illustrations, including rose features, the municipal auditorium, our unexcelled water supply, fire department, school system, library work, large and small homes—thousands of them built and in process of building—churches, financial situation—in fact, everything any one could wish to know about the city.

decided upon at the farmer-merchant dinner held last night at Hotel Washington, and at which business men and farmers discussed their mutual problems.

The determination to organize the council followed a talk by W. C. Mumaw of Aberdeen, president of the Oregon Farmers' Union, who outlined the accomplishments of the country in the matter of farming, poultry raising and dairying, and the possibilities of systematic development of the state.

According to the members of the committee who attended the conference, the new bridge will be a permanent one, and the full approval of the United States engineering department was secured. The investigation showed that a change in the structure was made after the final approval of the design. The investigation showed that any change in the structure would entail the loss of more than \$100,000, as the steel fabricated for the present arch, could not be used for any other purpose.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Salem last night experienced its coldest weather for the winter. The thermometer dropped to 32 degrees above zero. As a result of the cold, grape orchards and berry growers today examined closely their trees and vines. No damage of consequence has been reported as a result of the freeze.

All Oregon Represented

Some of the contributors of major articles are: Governor Olcott, on what the 1925 exposition means to the state; Mayor Baker, on its significance to Portland; Julius L. Meier, chairman of board of directors of the exposition, on its scope and world-wide aspect; C. N. McArthur, congressman from this district, on introduction, passage and signature of joint resolution authorizing President Harding to invite nations of the world to participate; F. E. Beach, on origin of the exposition idea. R. A. Booth contributes an unusually interesting and instructive article on the work of the state highway commission, of which he is chairman; C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer, describes the structures which the state has built to span the streams encountered on the roads; Sydney B. Vincent tells of the work of the state tourist association and W. J. Hofmann details the activities of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, these being co-operating organizations; R. W. Price describes Crater Lake park. Other contributors and their subjects are: George A. Westgate, agricultural review; Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, irrigation; Frank C. Bramwell, state bank examiner, state financial situation; Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, library system of Oregon; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, state school system; C. L. Hawley, state dairy and food commissioner, dairy industry; H. M. Parks, chief, Oregon bureau of mines and geology, mining review; Major R. Park, corps of United States engineers, river channel development; G. B. Hegardt, chief engineer Portland Department of Public Works, history of channel and port development; Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, value of motor vehicles; Dr. Edward H. Pence, pastor Westminster Presbyterian church, influence of roses on community life; Ralph C. McFee, secretary Portland Council of Churches, the work of the churches affiliated therewith. Many other important articles by members of The Oregonian's local staff and special correspondents will be included. The color work of this edition is unusually fine.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses. BRACK-LITZEN—Ernest L. Beach, 212 1/2 Adams street, and Lorraine Leifson, 18, Portland. COLLIER-JOHNSON—John E. and Nellie, 282 Belmont street. CHRISTENSEN—Elijan—Christ, 275 Commercial, and Vera Julian, 411 Commercial.

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BRIDGE DELAY POSSIBLE

OREGON CITY STRUCTURE IS DEBATED AT MEETING. Official Says State Will Postpone Action If Controversy Begins About Viaduct.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—If an active movement is started to get the United States engineers to order a change in the plans for the new bridge across the Willamette, the state highway commission will postpone action on the matter.

KIRBY JURY FINDS VERDICT

Woman Reformer Accused of Death of Infant. ADRIAN, Mich., Dec. 17.—A verdict was reached tonight by the jury in the case of Mrs. Mattie Kirby, Hudson, Mich., reform leader, charged with manslaughter in connection with the alleged slaying of her infant grandchild.

PROPERTY LOSS \$50,000

Breaking of North River Logging Dam Proves Disastrous. SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Later advice from North river, where a large logging dam broke and allowed a flood to sweep down the valley, indicate that the property loss may amount to \$50,000 or more. A wall of water raced down the valley and tore out a large boom, piles and all, and took the mass down the river. The flood stopped at a lower boom, although many valuable timbers were swept out to sea.

CHRISTMAS OFFERS MADE

51 ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP WELFARE BUREAU. Toys, Dinners, as Well as Staples and Other Presents to Be Donated to Needy.

The public welfare bureau has received offers from 51 different organizations within the city and from a number of individuals to take care of families at Christmas time with dinners and with toys, clothes, food, fuel and other things needed. Many of the calls received have come through Santa Claus letters to the postmaster. A previous ruling of the department was to the effect that many letters be forwarded to the lead letter office. Now, however, all such letters are turned over to the public welfare bureau and many are being received every day.

Japanese Sailor Arrested

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Japanese steamer Kuruma Maru, which was loading lumber at Westport, was arrested last night by federal prohibition agent McKnight and charged with selling a case of liquor to a longshoreman for \$40. The case could not speak English. It was committed to the county jail to await preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Zimmerman.

FARMER BADLY BURNED

Man Falls in Hog Scalding Tank and May Die as Result. BAKER, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Burns suffered yesterday by A. E. Murray, a Richland rancher, when he fell into a hog scalding tank on the Gordon ranch at that place may prove fatal, according to an announcement today at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Baker, where the man was brought. His condition tonight is reported to be as satisfactory as can be expected. Mr. Murray formerly resided in Baker and for many years was engaged in blacksmithing at Home-ast and Cornucopia.

FARM COUNCIL FORMED

County Agricultural Society Organized at Aberdeen. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A county-wide agricultural council, embracing both business men of the various cities and farmers representing country districts, to work for the improvement of existing farms and the creation of new ones, was organized at Aberdeen.