

REMINISCENCES OF A PIONEER.

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In this particular section of the country, meaning from the head of tide to within three or four miles of the coast, is the fruit raisers' paradise, for such fruits as are adapted to our climate, especially apples, pears, fine varieties of plums, etc., and especially small fruits, berries, etc. I have eaten strawberries fresh from the vine in this locality in the month of December, grown in the open air. Here the heavy fogs which lie on the coast at times do not prevail, and the river has cut its way through the mountains and deepened the canyon so that no harsh winds, drifting sand, or salt air can affect vegetation. The early settlers who went in some twenty years since were generally poor men, with families, who had not the money to improve their places nor could they spend a great quantity of their time in improving their claims, as it was absolutely necessary that they should go to the Willamette valley or seek the lumbering camps nearer the coast to obtain employment so as to be able to feed and clothe their families, being at home only in the severe winter months, when outdoor labor in other localities was not to be had. Several of the earlier settlers became disgusted with this style of life, sold their claims, among which were some of the best in the valley, for nearly nothing, and moved out to escape the isolation forced on them if they remained. Others, some from desire and some from necessity, remained and held their places. Such as were able to hold on until the advent of the railroad have reaped a rich harvest, as their lands to-day in their partly cleared and half-cultivated state, are worth from two to ten times as much cash money acre for acre as good, available, cultivated farming lands in many sections of the Willamette valley proper. And this is not a speculative value, for the reason that the country is not a farming country but is available principally for gardening, fruit raising, and pastoral pursuits. The man who has in the section to which we allude, twenty acres of plowed land with 140 acres remaining of sparsely seeded hills, has, with the use of a little judgment, a sure shot on a good living for his family, if he will stay at home most of the time and attend strictly to his business. There is no difficulty as to market, for the bulk of these ranches are within fifteen miles of the railroad station, with an express train running to the two great markets of the Pacific coast twice a day. Of course, like other railroad sections, there are a great many tracts of land divided into town lots, but the lay of the country is such that the bulk of this property is available for immediate use and the prices ranging on such properties are within moderate reason. For example, a man can purchase a nice home for his family, i. e., two lots, 100 ft. square of ground, on which at an expense of about \$150, if he does not want style, he can erect a cottage where his family can stay during all the heated term, giving an absolute change of air, water, and surroundings, highly beneficial to their health, both of mind and body. The river in this particular section is well developed, with a good steamboat channel free from any obstructions whatever, and it is perfectly safe at low water for vessels drawing say four feet, and by taking advantage of the tides vessels drawing two fathoms can ascend without difficulty. Being, as I before remarked, land locked, there is no swell, chop sea or other difficulty in the way of ordinary navigation, and as the wind generally comes with the tide, the advantage for pleasure boating is simply immense.

At the town of Toledo, twenty years ago, there were two families living. Immediately across the bay, one half mile distant lived two families. To-day there are three general merchandise stores, one drug store, several real estate offices, etc., one printing office, one tin shop, two saw mills complete, a very fine hotel, a branch government ship yard, probably three hundred families living in the immediate vicinity, all prosperous, no idle men and a great many industries too numerous for me to mention, and a general united opinion among the residents that their strength lies in united effort in any project which they attempt to further. The majority of the people living there have bettered their condition greatly since arriving at that place. The Siletz Indian reservation, six miles from this town, is quite a curiosity to many tourists and is a beautiful place, which I will try to describe at some future date.

Coal has been discovered in many places in this vicinity, and at present a strong company is opening a good lead with prospects of great success. From Toledo to Yaquina the general country flattens out, that is, the hills are not so abrupt as further up the river, and when a person arrives at a point within three or four miles of the coast, the average elevation is about 250 feet above sea level, principally composed of a species of table or bench lands. Here lies one secret of the strength of the country looking to the future. There is no rock, sterile ground or waste land to speak of, as the tops of these table lands are rich deep soil, entirely free of rocks, very generally watered by living springs of the best pure water. Nature is gradually reducing the one great drawback to this section of the country, which is that at a time prior to the memory of white man, the country was covered with a dense forest of resinous woods which burned and the timber with the exceptions of deep canyons was absolutely destroyed. At the time of this fire the soil was roasted to the depth of from sixteen inches to two feet, which made it very trying on the settler of twenty years ago, but which now proves a blessing to the man who has

to handle the soil, as all the manure or attention necessary is constant cultivation, for many years to come. The common expression on the western slope of the Coast range when a stranger asks, "What can you raise in this country?" is, "Anything you put in the ground," and while it is homely, it is, nevertheless, true.

(To be continued.)

A DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

It has been some time since any public amusement attraction has been offered to the citizens of Corvallis, but one is promised for to-morrow night at the opera house, that will no doubt attract a large audience. The celebrated mind reader Carl King and the Spanish Troubadours, who have been touring the valley and have everywhere met with delighted audiences, will give one of their pleasing entertainments in this city. The Carl King combination is one of the strongest and most attractive now on the road. Carl King himself, in his marvelous feats of thought reading has filled with astonishment large audiences all over the country. The wonderful faculty of thought reading possessed by him has made him the marvel of the day. He is without doubt the legitimate successor of the late Washington Irving Bishop, whose great performance filled with awe the entire world and ultimately caused his death. Mr. King will tell you the number of your watch without even looking at it. He will find an article hidden in an over-the-way place, while blindfolded. He will tell you the date of a coin in your pocket, and perform other equally difficult and seemingly impossible things, solely through his power of mind reading. At intervals between the feats of Mr. King the Spanish Troubadours, with Don Jose Ramirez at their head, will furnish some delightful music on the mandolin, bandurria and guitar. The don is the champion pandolista of the world and has a standing challenge to the world to play any man or woman who thinks he is not. The ladies of the company are all expert artists on that beautiful instrument, the guitar, and have everywhere been received with marked favor. They are picturesque figures in their Spanish peasant costumes. Don't fail to see this novel and interesting entertainment, at the opera house to-morrow night. Reserved seats 75 and 50 cents. Gallery seats, at the back, 25 cents.

THE PIONEER HOP MAN.—Wm. Wells, of Buena Vista, called in the city on business the first of the week.

Mr. Wells is the pioneer hop grower of Oregon, having planted the first hop yard in the state near Buena Vista in 1867. A GAZETTE reporter met Mr. Wells the other day, and requested in formation regarding the hop outlook. He stated that about 600 bales were as yet unsold in this state. Although the quality of our hops has been much below the average, yet they have found favor in the London market beyond the most sanguine expectations in the early part of the season. The market has slowly gained strength and advanced fully four and five cents per pound from date of opening. This has resulted in part from the poor quality of the crops grown elsewhere, and partly from the satisfactory results of previous growths of Oregon hops that had gone into consumption for "summer use hops" in the English breweries. It transpires that our hop growers have nothing to fear in the future of this business if proper care be taken to exterminate the vermin and properly prepare to rapidly harvest the crop after it has matured, and cure thoroughly at a low temperature. The outlook for the future is cheerful.

TOLEDO'S COAL MINE.—The Toledo Coal Company has employed a first-class Pennsylvania coal miner, who will push the tunnel on into the coal vein at the rate of three dollars per foot, and take his chances on the prospect, as he sees it, for his pay. This is fortunate for the company, and it verily indicates that the contractor has great confidence in the outcome. All that is now necessary is to keep the Chileans from making an invasion on and plundering the coal region. Van Cleve will keep surveillance for the company, however, and no immediate danger should be apprehended. If troops are necessary to secure the company's safety there will be sufficient voluntary action on the part of those who are versed more in military tactics than our editorial fraternity, and we can assure Van Cleve plenty of help. In the meantime it would be wise to keep the American flag visible, and we believe Van Cleve is the man to do it.

HE IS SAFE NOW.—The man Jones, who not long since stole a suit of clothes from an Albany saloon keeper, was detected in Charles Albrecht's saloon in this city Tuesday by the chief of police. Jones was recognized by the authorities here on account of the absence of his left thumb, which was reported in his description. Marshal Hoffman, of Albany, was telegraphed for, and soon after his arrival here, took his prisoner back to Albany for a preliminary hearing. On being arraigned in Justice Humphrey's court Wednesday, he waived examination and was held in the sum of \$500 bonds to await the action of the grand jury. He goes by the name of Newton at Albany.

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IT IS NOW BEYOND DOUBT.

OPPIUM HABITS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE—LOOK AT THE MATTER SQUARELY.

In discussing the liquor, opium and like habits, there is no longer any great dispute about their being diseases—that is an acknowledged fact; and it is also fully established that these diseases can be cured. The great discovery of the bi-chloride of gold remedies by Dr. Leslie E. Keely, and the wonderful results in the successful treatment of all classes of liquor, opium and tobacco slaves, have left no question in the minds of an observing public.

The only question now is to coax the victim to go and get cured. He is apt to think it a disgrace to seek medical aid to get rid of his trouble. He does not stop to think that it is a thousand times more respectable to be relieved of his disease in any manner whatever than it is to continue as a slave. He is also apt to think that if he should go to an institute to be cured he would meet there disreputable characters, oil soaks, leeches and the like. This is a great mistake. The Keely Institute at Forest Grove, formerly of Portland, has cured over one hundred patients, all of whom are of the most respectable walks of life—lawyers, merchants, physicians, engineers, contractors, prominent politicians and the like, and not one of them unfit to associate in any drawing room in the state, but all of the very best stock, and all of them useful members of society when free from the blight of their habits.

In view of these things, the objections to going to the Keely Institute are frivolous and unground; they are only made because the man or woman making them does not wish to cut loose from their habits. If they have any sincere desire to be cured they have only to go to the Institute at Forest Grove, and at the end of three weeks they will return in sound health, untrammelled by unnatural appetites and their deplorable consequences. Almost every person has a friend suffering from one or more of the habits treated. This is a good time to put forth an effort in behalf of that friend. If you cannot obtain the friend or assist him or her to obtain the treatment, send in the name to the Institute and the managers will forward literature which may bring the desired result. The work is a noble one and should engage universal attention. Some of the best men in the state attest its reliability, so no one need fear to try it. The business manager of the Institute is a well-known newspaper man of this state, who speaks from experience when he assures you of the efficacy of the cure and those who go there will find in him an earnest sympathizer. The physician in charge is a regular graduate of Rush and devotes himself entirely to the business of the Institute. Do not hesitate to confide your troubles and apply for information and relief to The Keely Institute, Forest Grove, Oregon.

FARM PRODUCE.—Farm produce always finds a good market if in quality it is in a marketable condition.

If we regard the matter in any other light, the farmer would go hungry before we should consent to offer him our patronage. State farm produce offered to the market is an insult, an outrage to common decency. We want the genuine article, and the honest farmer will satisfy our wants. But there are instances in which adulterated articles have been placed on the market as a substitute for the genuine farm produce, and, of course, the consumer is robbed in all such cases. An illustration of this nature has been cited to us. One of our business men purchased a fine display of butter, to all external appearances; but on investigation, it was found to be a stale article with a thin coating of good butter, which really was a fraud and a deception and ought to be handled according to law. Another case is that of a farmer who sold one of our merchants some lard, which on examination proved to be a fake, and was not in a condition to be put on the market for sale. It might be well to say that farm produce, if the genuine article, will always find a ready market with our merchants, but the public are not anxious at all to be deceived. We are glad to remark that Benton county is not infested with many of such farmers.

OREGON'S OLDEST SCHOOL TEACHER.—

The Oregon School Journal has for some time been casting about in search of the oldest Oregon school teacher; and it is believed that we have found him, in the person of Prof. John D. Wood, who, at the age of sixteen, began teaching in Benton county in 1855. He has taught 258 months on public money, and several terms of "subscription schools." All this work with the exception of one term (which was taught in Wasco county) was done within a radius of sixty miles, taking Corvallis as a center. While this career has been entirely in the ungraded schools, many of the leading men and women of the state received instruction from him. Prof. Wood says he has an ambition to be spared long enough so that he may finish his 300 months teaching on public money.—The Oregon School Journal.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—

Thursday evening of last week the farmers' institute for southern Oregon opened at Medford. There was a large attendance from Grants Pass, Jacksonville and all parts of the county, also Professors Washburn, Cooté, French and Shaw, from the state agricultural college. Special interest was taken by fruitmen. J. D. Whitman delivered the opening address, and the reply was by Professor Shaw. Mrs. Susie West read an address on "Farm Life," and N. L. Naragan on "Advantages of Industrial Education to Farmers." Other interesting papers were read.

Now that the holidays are over and matters are settling into their accustomed channels, it will be well to remember that when you want anything in the line of watches, jewelry, silverware and plated ware, the best place to look for it is at Ed. Grefox's store where there is a fine and complete assortment of everything of that kind at prices that defy competition.

Z. H. Davis is now agent for Batterick's Patteras, a full stock on hand. Fashion plates furnished on application.

PRINEVILLE WANTS IT.—

Recent moves of the stockholders in the Oregon Pacific Company warrant the people of this section in believing that work of construction on that road will be resumed in the spring, and this has caused the enterprising citizens of Prineville to begin to take into consideration the advantages it would be to the place if the road were to come through the town and what the result will be. If the road is built on the present line of survey, thirty miles south of Prineville, all who are of an enterprising mind realize that a transcontinental line of railroad running through Prineville would make of it one of the best business points in the interior of Oregon. Hence it is that Prineville wants the road built this way, and when the time comes that a proposition will be considered by the railroad company for this place to offer inducements in the way of a subsidy to cause them to abandon the present proposed route and lay the road over a new route touching Prineville, there is little question but such a proposition will be made. What amount would be considered sufficient for this purpose is not known, but it is safe to say that the people of this place will not be niggardly in their contributions. We are told that B. F. Allen, president of the First National bank, will give \$1000 for this purpose. There are others whose business interests would be benefited as much or more than Mr. Allen's by the railroad coming by way of Prineville, and no doubt they will be equally liberal and give in accordance with the benefit they will receive.—Ochoco Review.

OYSTERS AND SEEDS.—

Are valuable for what's in 'em. Good and bad oysters look alike in the shell. Good and bad seeds often have the same appearance. Any one can tell a worthless oyster on opening it. The value of a seed must be determined by its growth. This makes its quality worth considering. You want seeds that will grow, and you want the product to be of value. You cannot insure either of these things by mere inspection. There is but one guarantee, the reliability of the firm from which you buy. That our advertisers, Messrs. D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., are most reliable, is attested by the fact that millions buy seeds from them year after year. Their expert business furnishes the highest proof of their reliability. Their Seed Annual for 1892 is a model of its kind—illustrated, descriptive, practical. It contains information of great value to any one about to plant seeds. Sent free on application to the firm's address, Detroit, Mich.

Henry H. Hall, son of the Idaho opal mine discoverer, has been in the city this week.

He states that these mines are turning out veritable fortunes to the incorporators, and exhibited some excellent specimens to give weight to his statements.

New York Board of Health

SITS DOWN ON A BAKING POWDER CO.

ROYAL'S OLD GAME.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OF NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., April 28th, 1892.

To John Anderson, Esq.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

In response to yours of April 20th, in regard to the advertising of the Royal Baking Powder Company I have the honor to send you the following resolution adopted by the Board at its quarterly meeting held in Albany Feb. 11th, 1892.

Resolved, That the advertisement of the Royal Baking Powder Company, quoting the State Board of Health of New York as recommending, through one of its analysts, its purity, etc., is a misrepresentation. In no case does the State Board of Health or its representatives, cause such examination to be made with a view of recommending any particular products.

Very truly yours,

Prof. C. W. Wood, Secy.

The misrepresentation which called forth the resolution of the State Board of Health of New York, printed above, is in keeping with the old tactics of the Royal Baking Powder Company.

First it manufactured a Government Chemist out of whole cloth, and the garment was cut and made to fit Dr. Henry A. Mott, and later poor Dr. Love.

Brought to a turn in this, the same company sought to use the New York Board of Health.

It did not hesitate to send broadcast, the statement that the New York Board of Health had endorsed and recommended the Royal (Ammonia) Baking Powder.

It did not take the New York Board of Health very long to assert itself on this misrepresentation as will be seen from the foregoing letter.

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