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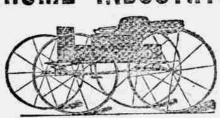
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A LEGEND OF THE WILLAMETTE II. Raising high his bow and arrow,

[Written by B. S. Martin, Corvalits, Ocegon.] Nearly every race of the human family Took them to his northern bride. as some form of retigion. They believe in some supreme power, some supreme being or beings that shape and fashion the destiny of all. Various are the forme, differing as widely from one another as could be concelyed. But as the philologist examines the various languages of the human family and by certain principles, classifies, them, into aryan, etc., so the sociologist classifies and arranges the many systems and forms of re-

The sociologist classifies them upon certain principles common to a class, though they may differ widely in other particulars. But there were to be a possible difference between the religion of the aborigines of this country, and that of any other existing sys-

They are Monodeitist, The Mighty Spirit manifests blimself in many ways. They see him in the clouds and hear him in the gentle breezes they see him in the limpid | Checkered by the hand of time. waters and hear him in the raging tempest; a mystic awe constitutes their principal homage to this Mighty Spirit of the universe, But associated with this monodeiti-tic idea, which is universal with the aborigines of America, are those of a more casual nature, a superstition belonging to some special place, often originating with some transaction, or calamity, and consequently known only to a tribe, or their in mediate neighbors

Such I, the "Legend of the Williamette." When first the best amon pedestrianed his way through the Willemette valley he found the apperportion occupied by the Calipsoia

In other words their territory extended from far up the Calipsoia river on the east to He would face all coming danger, the Coast range on the west, including the To secure himself a mate. prairies of Benton, Linn and Lane counties. "I shall cross my native mountains, As the pioneers reared their log cabits in And to castward word my way, this paradisiacal hand, the resiman gradually And there court some dark eyed maiden, retired towards the Calipsoin river. The In the bainty month of May. founding of the mission three miles south of what is now the present town of Brownsville, caused many of them to take up their abode in that locality.

The writer has been informed by ne of the few of the new almost extinct tribe, that at one time As he shouldered up his pack; they were a great and powerful nation, brave | Bows and spears he had by the dozens , and coarageous in war, but true and mild in | Bound securely to his back. peace. But long before the bostonman had turned his thoughts to this western verge "where rolls the Oregon," the prosperity of Till the evening glowing west the Calipocians had begun to wane, gradu- Lost the last effulgent glimmer, ally but continually have they decreased until at last there are but three left to tell the Up with waking of the morrow. history of a once great nation and to rehearse | Searce the lark his wing had shook;

to their pale-face listener their mystic tales. The mouning of Modinia as related in the following poem is supposed to be the rustling of the leaves of the evening breeze, also the low murmuring of the waters of the Willam- Scorched by sun and hot dest smothered, steasit glides gently on at evening's close, but interpreted by the superalitious Calipooans as the wailing of Midwia over her slain | Till at length with bare feet burning over, which, according to the depend, was In the moonday's scorching sun; be cause of the downfull of the nation.

This is a true Indian legend, and is only one of the many to be found among the aborigines of this coast.

Hark, what stranger ound wakes my hearing, What mysterious notes of pain? What, wild shricks as if by demons,

Hark, I hear again, again. Hear you not that mystic monning Wafted by the evening breeze;

Catch you not, its thrilling story, As it bathes the quivering leaves, See you not those times mysterious

Written on the maple tress? They were chisted by the waters; Shaped and inshioned by this breeze.

They are records of a nathur, Which once lived but are no more; Men who loved, strove and had passions, But whose daring deeds are o'er.

And this strange incossant mountag At the closeing of the day, Is Midmia lowly sighing, As she slowly wends her way.

Yes, Midinia of the ages, Who, of yore was queen of love; Who, by her superior graces, Ah, was fancied from above.

Rulers of the grassy plain; Foremost in the flareset battles,

And Midinia, fairest maiden Of this mighty race of men; Cherished idol of her father, Where both love and beauty blend.

She the idol of the nation, Who had suitors from afar; Down on knees they sued for graces, E're they sought their country's war.

But one came from Umpqua River, Far to south, o'er mountains high, Sought the side of fair Midinia: Caught the love drop from her eye,

Took it up and bathed his tresses, Bathed his ferchead broad and square, Put his arms around her shoulders, Breathed a low and fervent prayer. Then they heard the Mighty Spirit,

In a low and solemn breath, "Be forever thus united. Through all life time and through death."

Slowly rising from their sitting, Struck by Cupid's quivering dart; Picdged themselves with arms embracing, Not through life nor death to part.

Thus the wooing of Midinia At the dieing of the day, By the Umpqua's greatest warrior, Closed a long and bloody fray.

Yes, the Umpqua's greatest warrior, Whose name was known as Comptow, Was the mightiest of his nation; Fleet on foot and quick with bow-

He it was that sought the lion Caught him by his massive shoulders.

Shot the lion through the side; Plucked the teeth from out the monster.

California's mightiest lion Was a little cur to him: He could kill the largest wildcat, And the beaver could out swim. But there comes when least expecting. When the heart is light and gay,

Some vile set of brute or demon, Chilling fast the vital ray. So when Umpqua's mightiest warrior Sought his idoi's northern home, Found the nation drawn for battle,

And Midinia all alone. And Midiaia wet with weeping, Laid her head upon his breast; Told him of a fiendish Indian, Who had come from far northwest.

From where Nestachee's waters, Mingled with the occan's brine; Where o'er hung black mak gigantic,

From where at eve the pelican, Skipping o'er the restless sea. Dives upon some idle dreamer, Then wheels off to nearest tree.

He long on these shores had wandered, Watched the nating of the blod; Watched the Wren in light coqueting, As she the queen leaflets stir'd.

'All have mates," said Masidarias; "All are bound by ties of love; All, Lat I, I lone and weary, I, O hear, great power above."

Then he listed high his weapon, Swore by all that's good and great;

She shall be the nation's idel, Laved by all and scorned by none, Queen of love and queen of beauty,

Praised-by every human tongue." So said, fearless Masidarias,

On he went, scarce ever ceasing, Leaving all in peaceful rest.

Nor the dew of night ceased falling, When his journey onward took, Onward, onward, still unchanging,

Over hills and mountains high, Till he thought that he would die.

Saw afar the great Willamette, Then he knew his work was done. 'I shall, e'er the birds of evening

Pipe their farewell notes to day, Camp beside those loving waters, And at ease shall plan my way." Morning's sun in all his splender,

Was peering o'er the fragrant plain; Rippling of the limped waters, Mingled with warbier's strain. As he lone in silence wandered.

Thinking of some artful plan, Whereby he might win the fairest; When lo, a skiff touched the strand. For a while he stood admiring,

Glanced at skiff, at tree and sun; Then moved by love's brightest funcy, Stretched forth his arms and begun. "Sweetest of all earthly flowers,

Fairer than the fairest blown, Granter of all earthly blessings, Ah, thy name and whence thy home." Quick as light she darted from him,

Tossing back her raven bair, "I'm Midinia of Calipoola, Known as fairest of the fair. Calipoola, mightiest nation;

Known from Shasta's crowing snows, To Columbia's ceasless torrent, And where Lewis water flows.

And my husband is a warrior, Bravest of all earthly men; And has sworn by the Great Spirit, That through all would me defend."

But this fearless Masidarias, Was a man of thought and might; Oft communing with the muses, At the starry depth of night.

Spake the language of the ocean, In its wild unceasing tone; Read the lines upon the crowhog; Saw strange meanings in the stone.

And when Midinia of the prairie Left him lone in silence there; He besaught the highest muses,

To shape well his verse with care. "Lend me love's soft soothing breathings, Blended with the sages thought; Tell in tones that moves the nation,

Of the deeds that I have wrought." Straight before the nation's fathers. Masidorias took his way, Found them seated there in council. Weighing questions of the day.

Uprose all the nation's sages, And with one unerring tone; "Welcome stranger to our meeting, Calipooia's happy home.

What fair land doth claim thy bearing, What great nation is thy home, And thy name, O speak it plainly, And what causeth thee to roam?" And thus summoned, Masidarias.

Felt the touch of the light train Of muses stealing o'er his fancy, Breathed forth to all this wild strain:

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'I come from the land where the sunset's regl w. Is ea ight by the wave which unceasingly flow Moving unchanging forever. Where the ocean at eve when in calmness it

Fairy lamps on the crest of the tide are at play,

But caught by mortal thought never. From where the spirit in solemn deep breath, Breathed on the waters the sentence of death. To all of earth's living even ures. Where close by the rock, the tail ivy grows.

blows; The rose was never more sweeter.

I've talked with the spirit in midnight's bleak storm; Faced the black tempest at winter's dresr

There fauned by the breeze its loving bloom

mora Asit moved fasto'er the waters. As soon as the ear eaught the warwhoop's deep roll,

I uncovered the ax from its long sheltered mold; To fall if so as a martyr. I stood out alone where the arrows fell fast,

Defying their death, weeaking woo on tie As they swayed like the billows,

I wrenched from his hands, their chieffain's I, my weapon deep plunged, which laid his head low, To die in the shade of the willows.

One winter's dark eve, as the western windblew. The ocean's white spray bathed the sea guil which flew

On the blast of deaf ning uproar. My eyes caught the glimper of a far distant

Which tossed by the waves and then shot by the gale, Seemed destined to vever reach shore.

I sprang to my skiff and with one mighty stroke, I pushed from the shore, on the billows to float:

My harp to the land back theging. On, on, o'er the waves of the dark rolling see, Tossed by the winds in their death wreaking glee; I flew to rescue the living.

In a wild roaring blost, I reached the lone sail Just as she went down, mid horrible walls, To ride never more on the waters. I stood in a trance, till my eyes caught the

Of a slender young girl, by the savage waves borner Twas our chiaftain's fair daughter,

Quick as lighting's swift flash, I sprang to Saved the light form from a watery grave, To brighten the home of her sires. With supplicat head, she becought Bim

On low outslied knee, in tones of a dove; To grant my strongest desires.

That night as the storm cloud swept har edly As I lay fact askeep in my tent on the shore;

The Spirit breathed low pato me. "Hark, O man of the lyre, I who have d erced.

That all things from ocean, to mountain and mends Must live to love their degree.

(Continued next week.) Guard against the application of cold or hard water to the roots of plants, and especially in the winter months, when there has been a heavy fell of course best best by druggists, Br. Taff Bros. S., Bothester, N.Y. in the case of the course best been a heavy fell of course best by the case of the case of the course best by the case of th there has been a heavy fall of snow, hail or cold rains. The water in the tanks then becomes very much too cold. This may not be noticed in the ordinary course of things, and the plants are sure to suffer a check at the roots that, in the case of camellias, for instance, would be onite sufficient to cause bad dropping. I am always very careful that the water in our tanks is a few degrees warmer than the house in which the plants are growing. This is very important in suc-

cessful plant culture. We are apt to say sometimes on beholding a sickly plant-one mildewed or with rust on the foliage-that it must have been subjected to a draft or current of cold air, whereas the probable cause was the use of cold water, which paralyzed the roots. Proof of this may easily be seen by giving one or two applications of cold water to winter cucumbers or kidney beans when setting

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