

NEWSY FLORENCE LETTER

How the Town Got Its Name--Some Personal Mentions.

QUITE INTERESTING.

We clip a very newsy letter concerning Florence and vicinity from the Northwest-Pacific Farmer, of Sept 8. We would give the writer due credit, but only the name de plume "Rambler" appears at the signature.

"Leaving Hecla Head light house the traveler going down the coast soon finds himself following the wagon road leading up the mountain, and winding in and out along its various sides, steep, sloping down to the sea hundreds of feet below. After several miles of such winding the road gradually descends to the beach on Capt W A Cox's place. Thence to Florence the stretch of 10 or 11 miles can be made by team along the beach at suitable tide, except the middle portion of 2 or 3 miles, which has to be made over the drifting sands a short distance back; a foot man can follow the beach, but after sighting the government jetty on Siuslaw bay he should keep close to the in-shore line, for should he follow the ocean edge of the beach at low tide, on reaching the entrance to the bay he would find himself about a mile and a half from the in-shore beach, which he could not reach except by retracing his steps or following around the long meanderings of a back spreading arm of the bay and would more than likely be caught by the incoming tide, swiftly spreading itself over the wide stretch of low-lying sands below him. The portion of the jetty so far constructed is on the north side of the channel, extends half a mile outward from main shore, but still lacks about a mile of reaching the bar at the entrance of the bay. To be most effective the jetty should be greatly extended seaward. Last season \$3,000 were expended in extension but nothing this year. At high tide the depth of water on the bar is 13 to 14 feet.

FLORENCE.

Following the shore line of the bay 3 or 4 miles from the jetty, brings one to Florence, a town of 150 to 200 people. The business part of the place is built on level ground a few feet above the water, while most of the residence portion is on the tree-shaded, sandy flats on the slightly elevated back-ground. During boom times much of the sandy brush-covered land, one or two miles out was platted and sold. It was a rather odd circumstance that gave to Florence its name. According to the statement of Mayor Jones of Toledo, Or, he visited the site of Florence in 1873, and saw there nailed to the shack of Siuslaw John, a board that had been picked up from the beach and presumably had been some wreck. On the board which had been put upside down on the shack was the talismanic name "FLORENCE". Florence is well supplied with stores for the size of the place and population of the surrounding country. There are two hotels, but only one, the Morris House, open. Pleasant accommodations and a good table is the mark of the proprietor, J C Flint, who is also owner of a stock ranch four miles south on the border of Clear Lake.

At Crescent there is some shipbuilding done. Capt Thos H Petersen, who has a ship-yard at Ballard, Wash, is now at Florence building for some San Francisco parties, a steamer for the Oregon and California coasting trade. The vessel is to be 148 feet, length over all, breadth of beam 32 feet, depth of hold, 10 feet, of the best quality of fir, built and constructed in the most thorough manner. Capt Peterson has had over 30 years experience in ship building.

Capt A F Hurd, who has run the "Mink" and carried the mail for 11 years, from Florence to Seaton, 16 miles up the Siuslaw, has built for the river trade a staunch new steamer, which he has named the "Florence." She is 60 feet long, 14 foot beam and 4 feet depth of hold, and deck space enough outside the cabin to carry a team of horses and wagon, in addition to other freight. Before the advent of the Florence, any one desiring to visit the beach by team from up-river points had to have the outfit towed down and up again on a cow or a flat boat. F A Fox, engineer on the Florence, was on the steamer Lillian, last season, employed on the government jetty inside the bar. Mr Fox has run on coasting steamers several years, and owns a good stock ranch on the North Siuslaw.

ACME.

Henry Gates, carpenter and builder, settled 11 years ago at Acme a small village a short distance above Florence. Mr Gates is the postmaster and proprietor of the only hotel at Acme.

Cushman Bros run a saw mill at this place when the tide is in to enable them to get their logs to the incline, for when the tide is out most of the

boom ground is a mud flat; once there was deep water, but being on the down stream side of the mill a shoal, as is almost always the case resulted.

The Florence Creamery, O W Hurd, proprietor, located on the bay a mile or more above Florence, is under the management of S E Craig, the proprietor and for a long time proprietor of Farmington creamery near Portland. Not much has been accomplished this season, as about 2000 pounds of milk was the largest receipt for one day. Considerable quantity of butter fats and butter is bought from the farmers, worked and graded as dairy butter. It is neatly packed in tubs of 50 to 60 lbs each.

RAMBLER.

A "DRIVABLE PROSE STYLE."

For the Last of Disappointed Politicians in All Countries.

Straightened writing is so rare an accomplishment that we hasten to extend the hand of welcome to it wherever it is found. The most recent shining specimen of literary directness which we have lighted upon is a letter addressed by an Australian partisan to the politician whom he wished to emigrate, but who, on reaching his high estate, forgot the poor man on whose shoulders he had risen. The Australian wrote as follows:

"Dear Sir: You're a damn fraud, and you know it. I don't care a rap for the billet or the many either, but you could have got it for me if you wasn't as mean as muk. Two pounds a week ain't my moar to me than forty shillins is to you, but I object to being made an infam'ous fool of. Soon after you was elected by my hard workin', a feller here wanted to let me that you wouldn't be in the House more'n a week before you made a ass of yourself. I bet him a cow on that, as I thort you was worth it then. After I got your Note saying that you declined to axt in the matter I driv the Cow over to the Feller's an' told him he had won her.

That's all I got by howlin' myself Hoarse for you on pole day, an' months before. You not only hurt a man's Pride but you injure him in Bizness. I believe you think you'll get in agen. I don't. An' what I don't think is of moar Consequence then you imjine. I believe you take a pleshir in cuttin' your best friends, but wate till the clouds roll by an' they'll cut you--ust behind the Ears, where the butcher cut the pig. Yare no man. An' I don't think you're much of a demerit either. Go to hel. I lower myself rith to a skunk, even tho' I used him a member of Parliament."

This, it seems to us, is what Matthew Arnold describes a "serviceable style of prose."—London Globe.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Will Probably Organize Monday--Other Notes.

Salem Sept 24--The preliminary skirmish over the legislative organization is proceeding at Portland but will be transferred to Salem Saturday and Sunday.

Indications are that the two houses will probably organize and proceed to business.

A member remarked today that the Oregonian was advocating so many sweeping reforms that not many would be realized.

Hon Ernest V Carter of Ashland, who is making an earnest canvass for the speakership will be in Salem tomorrow. He has no opposition so far except in the person of Hon J W McCullough of Salem, who went to Portland this morning. Mr Carter is a sound money Republican, a successful and well informed banker and fruit grower.

The right of J B Stump, of Polk county, to a seat in the lower house of the legislature may be contested. The fact of the returns show Mr Stump to be elected by four votes over his opponent, Mart Seraford. Before the vote was officially canvassed the county court house burned and with it all the election returns. Friends of Mr Seraford have secured affidavits from election judges and clerks of enough votes illegally rejected to change the result of the election. With these affidavits Mr Seraford will go before the legislature and ask to be seated as Polk county's representative. Mr Stump is a firm Union member.

\$35,000 PAID OUT.--It is estimated that the three banks in this city have paid out \$35,000 in silver since the first day of August to hop pickers, prune gatherers and harvest hands and the end is not yet. One curious thing about this is discussed. The banks secure this silver from the mint principally and very seldom ships any out of the county. Where does it go to is the question?

WILL WEP.--Clerk Lee issued the necessary papers which will make eight loving hearts beat as four: W H Allen, 31 and Hattie Martin 20; Wm Reed and Mrs S J Dillard; J T Howard 22 and Nettie E Miller 20; Jno M P Dixon 24 and Nora M Howard, 17. In the latter instance the young lady being under the legal age, her parents, Mr and Mrs R V Howard, filed their written consent as required by law.

SPECIAL SESSION.

The City Legislature Does Considerable Business--Bicycle Ordinance Killed.

City council held an adjourned meeting last evening.

Present--Mayor Koykendall and Councilmen Fisher, Osburn, Haines, Luckey and Horn. Absent Roney.

Councilman Haines from the health committee, on the petition for an ordinance licensing bill posters, reported favorably and recommended the passage of the same; recommendation adopted and the ordinance read and referred to the committee on printing. The ordinance provides for an annual license of \$20 per year, payable semi-annually in advance.

Councilman Osburn from the street committee reported favorably for a tile drain on the east side of Oak street from 13th street about 200 feet northward and ordered the committee to have the work done.

Judge Potter, on behalf of Lane county, asked permission to put in a private sewer on Oak street from the court house to the main sewer. Permission was on motion of Councilman Fisher, granted.

An ordinance requiring the cutting of grass, weeds etc, was read three times and passed, the rules being suspended. Those voting yeo were: Osburn, Fisher, Haines, Luckey and Horn; nays, none. Property holders shall cut all weeds between the 15th and 25th day of June each year adjacent their property. A violation of said ordinance is finable by not less than \$5.

An ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer commencing at a point on the north side of 12th street, midway between Pearl and High streets up to and to connect with 5th and 6th streets was read second and third times, the rules being suspended. Yeas: Osburn, Horn, Luckey and Haines; nays: Fisher. Passed. Viewers appointed: T G Hendricks, J M Abrams and R M Day.

Councilman Osburn read deed of dedication from H R Kincaid and Augusta Kincaid, his wife, to a strip of land widening 13th street, between the University campus and his land to full width. On motion of Councilman Osburn the city attorney was directed to inform Mr Kincaid that his deed is not in accordance with his written proposition. If he corrects deed, the street committee is authorized to ask for bids to improve streets.

The ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks of the city of Eugene during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October, was laid on the table. The vote on the motion was, yeas: Osburn, Haines, Horn and Luckey. Nay, Fisher.

Too Much Chapman.

Eugene, Sept 23.

EDITOR GUARD--The S F Chronicle says: "Berkeley is overcrowded with students." Not so here. What's the matter with the state university? The Examiner says: "Stanford opens with unusual good prospects." Taint so here. What's the matter with the state university? The Corvallis Times says: "The Agricultural College never had such a large opening attendance. The town is alive with students." Is Eugene alive? What's the matter with the state university? Albany College opened with 100 students. How many did the state university have on opening day? Why are the professors unable to tell, or unwilling if they know? Monmouth commenced its sessions with 180, an increase of 80 over last year. What is the matter with the state university any how? The Oregonian says Pacific University at Forest Grove, had the greatest number of students at the opening for years. Tell me, ye winged winds, ye gentle rain-drops, where are the students from Eastern and Southern Oregon? Why are our Eugene people sending their children to other schools? What is the matter with the state university?

A TAXPAYER

Reception to Students.

The reception to students given at the First Christian church last evening was well attended, about 400 being present and from a social standpoint, the object of the reception secured a decided success.

Hon T G Hendricks officiated as presiding officer during the rendition of the following program, after which the evening was passed in social pursuits:

Invocation--Rev G S O Humbert.

Vocal Solo--Miss Lillian McElroy.

Recitation--Miss Doretha Dale.

Remarks--By Dean E C Sanderson of the Eugene Divinity school.

Vocal Solo--Miss Faith Lister.

Remarks--By Dr C H Chapman, president of the U of O.

Vocal Solo--Miss Ada Hendricks.

DIED.--At Wm News' hop yard, near Springfield, Sept 23, infant daughter of Peter Parow, aged 7 months. The remains were buried in the Catholic cemetery this forenoon.

FROM MANILA

Graphic Account of the Capture of Manila.

WRITTEN BY CREED HAMMOND

Creed Hammond of the First Nebraska volunteers, writes to his mother of the capture of Manila. It is of extreme interest, as the writer who was an active participant is well known here.

Manila, Aug 18, '98.

DEAR MOTHER--You have heard all about the bombardment and surrender of Manila before this no doubt.

Friday night August 12th we received orders for each company to take 12,000 rounds of ammunition in addition to the belt full, and every squad received packages of bandages etc, for wounded, and were prepared and ordered to fill all our trenches and get every available man in the trenches or in rear.

We had about 8,000 men I think in our little army. Three or four regiments and several batteries with 16 cannons and 6 rapid fire guns.

We have been digging trenches every day and night and keeping men in them, that is the reason we had several engagements. I was under fire four times. There is an immense growth of under brush between the Spanish and American trenches, and we would advance our trench after night and the Spaniards would fire on us, and it would bring on an engagement.

We lost about 20 men killed and about 50 wounded before the bombardment, and when we took the city 8 killed, 4 who have died since and 50 wounded. My regiment lost only one man killed in action and about 13 wounded, one perhaps fatally.

So the trenches were full of men on out post duty Friday night, and as early as 3 o'clock Saturday morning troops commenced to take their position, and at about 9:30 a.m. all of the 8,000 men were in their places. We carried 200 rounds of ammunition and two days rations in our haversacks besides canteen and pouches. We were loaded down with a mule's load. And it was near 10 o'clock when Dewey's fleet opened fire on the outer walls and forts. He used only three warships and kept the Monterey and others trained on the German fleet in case they should take a hand, but wisely they did not.

The bombardment lasted about 50 minutes, and they say 140 shells were fired, mostly 6-inch shells, very few 8-inch, and the Monterey did not get to use her big guns.

As soon as the bombardment ceased the troops in the trenches charged the Spanish and our batteries opened on the Spaniards.

The Astor had 2 killed and quite a few wounded, they did terrible execution in the Spanish trenches. A shot from either the Astor battery or one of the two Utah batteries struck a Spanish block house and killed 41 Spaniards.

The Minnesota's lost 2 killed and several wounded, and the 23rd U S lost one killed and a number wounded, and the Colorado's lost one or two killed and several wounded.

The Nebraska, California, Pennsylvania and several outfits of regulars came directly up the beach, wading in the surf. We crossed a river, wading up to our waist just before we struck the outer walls.

When we came in view of the walls the Spanish were retreating, and a fellow from the Colorado regiment reached the walls and climbed on top and ran up the American flag and just as he did it a Spanish sharpshooter picked him off. The Spaniards retreated into the city but kept up a fire on us, and when we passed the walls next to the sea we saw six dead Spaniards killed by their gun, one of them had the top of his head blown off so we could see his tongue, and there was one wounded, on a litter, that they had to leave the firing was so hot for them to carry him.

When we passed the outer wall and waded to our waists in the sea the Spaniards kept firing on us, the Nebraska and California, the California lost one man shot through the head and one wounded in the neck. We waded in the sea for about 2 miles and we climbed out under fire into the street and double timed about one half mile and arrived in an opening right before the famous old walled city, with two lines of trenches with a big muddy creek and sharpened brush and several lines of barbed wire fences in front of the walls and trenches, which 100,000 infantry could not have taken, but we were surprised, because we doubted time up there under fire and expected to go into an engagement, but thank God there waved the milk white flag on the forts. We could just see the tops of many hats, but we gave three rousing cheers and our gallant little army swung around in the road in front of the walls and we stacked arms and ate dinner, our first meal in

Manila. When we stacked arms the heads came up slowly, then they climbed on the walls, and there looked like many thousands of Spaniards.

Dewey put the fear of God in their hearts. They said it was not man, but God that could fire shells that would set iron on fire.

Our men cut the telegraph line from the forts to the Spaniards in the trenches before the city, and they did not know, that the city had surrendered and they kept on fighting until driven in.

The Spaniards lost many men, they had 1,000 sick and 200 wounded by the insurgents when we came, and now they have 12 big hospitals all full. An Englishman told me, the first night the Nebraska engaged them, August 2nd, that the Spaniards lost 470 killed, we can not tell exactly, for none but the Spanish officers know and they will not tell, but from the number of hospitals, and the many new graves, they must have lost a great many men.

It seems strange, Dewey, with six ships engaged fourteen Spanish ships and sank eleven and captured two, one escaping, without losing a man, and we have lost about 25 or 30 killed and 90 or 100 wounded.

American soldiers and sailors are O. K. The Spanish are very brave too, they came right out in the open and advanced on our trenches several times and were repulsed, and they came again; that is where they lost so many men. The Americans stood in their trenches and mowed them down like grass.

Every one is glad that we have taken Manila, especially our good friends, the English.

The troops are quartered all over the city; there are several regiments in the suburbs, keeping back the insurgents. The insurgents gave us no material aid during the bombardment and capture of Manila, but as soon as our troops charged into the city, the insurgents followed us, and we had to keep them back, for they wanted to massacre the Spanish with their machetes and rob the city, and of course, making the Spanish prisoners, we had to protect them.

No Filipinos are allowed to enter Manila with arms or knives. They are so eager to get in that they are giving up their arms quite rapidly. We do not fear any more trouble with them, although they were bad for awhile.

The Oregon regiment was stationed at Cavite, and they never saw the trenches nor got to fire a shot. Part of the regiment is now guarding on Merritt's headquarters in the old walled city; it is a fine place. The old cathedrals and palaces are fine indeed, and the fortifications. My regiment guards the customs houses and docks. My battalion is stationed in an old police headquarters.

The condition of affairs is bad. The city water works are ruined and we get nothing but rain water.

All kinds of eatables, especially meats are very high. Rice is the only thing to be had.

The Spaniards are almost starved out. I am feeling excellent. You ever loving son, CREED.

Another batch of letters from the boys at Manila arrived today. They state that life is much better since arriving in the city; Travis, Caief and Wood are in the hospital. Geo Park is said to have sent \$100 home and R S Brumley \$500 and others in smaller sums; the volunteers are soon to have a chance to enlist as regulars; most of the letters describe interestingly scenes of the city and peculiar customs noted.

YELLOW JACK AT HAVANA.

Number of Cases Reported as Being on the Increase.

NEW YORK, Sept 23--A dispatch to the World from Havana says:

Of 800 patients in Havana hospitals 45 are suffering from yellow fever of the most dangerous type, the deaths averaging three a day in the hospitals. The number of cases outside hospitals is unknown, but 1263 persons have died since Sept 1; 423 from fevers of various kinds. Twenty-two deaths from yellow fever have been officially reported. Reports of cases of fever among foreigners show that Americans, British and French have been attacked. Two members of the crew of the French gunboat Fulon are among the victims.

HELD FOR MURDER.

W H Magers, Alleged Slayer of Ray Sink, Arrested.

PORTLAND Sept 23.--W H Magers, an ex-convict, was arrested at noon yesterday in Portland, on suspicion of being the murderer of Ray Sink, whose body was found floating in the Willamette river, opposite Salem, Tuesday afternoon. Sink was last seen alive in company of Magers, but the prisoner declares that he does not know what became of his former friend after they parted in Salem Tuesday, the 13th instant.

MOTION FILED.--The attorneys for the defendant in the case of James M Woodruff vs Southern Pacific Co; suit for damages, has filed a motion asking that plaintiff state defendant's negligence particularly; wants to know also what plaintiff's permanent injuries consist of; also his expenses, and how he has been disabled or deformed.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

An Interesting Budget of News Collected During the Week.

Total enrollment first day.....435
Total enrollment second day.....402
Total enrollment end of first week.....486
Central 301, Geary 155.

A comparison of the record of this year and last of seven grades in the Central building shows that on the first day, only 5 more were enrolled this year than last, while the totals for the same grades at the end of the week, show a difference of 19 in favor of this year. Putting off the opening of school one week seems to have made very little difference in the attendance.

Several University students are taking second year Algebra with the Tenth grade. Others who contemplate joining the class should report to Mr Reesler at once.

Although about 30 pupils were promoted to the Tenth grade last spring, but 19 have enrolled this week. Mr Reesler is very anxious to have all entitled to join to do so next week, as they will get too far behind to do good work.

The Adelpian Literary Society composed of high school students will resume its sessions next Friday. The president, Miss Etha Williams, has not enrolled in school yet. This society offers a splendid opportunity for literary and parliamentary drill.

A very pretty design is being placed on the blackboard in the tenth grade room. Its purpose is to commemorate the patriotism of the four soldier boys from the high school who enlisted in the 2nd Oregon regiment. Miss Winnie Morgan is the artist under the direction of Miss Ida Patterson. The design consists of an artistic draping of the flag with an inscription underneath in ornamental letters. Our Soldiers, all done in colored crayons. Then follows the names, F E Taylor, E L McGuire, L L Johnson, F E Snodgrass. Below is the sentiment from Shakespeare; "Let all the ends thou aims't at be thy country's, thy God's, and Truth's"

The teachers will take up for professional study this year a monthly magazine, "Educational Foundations" published by L E Kellogg's New York. They will meet once a month for this study, and once a month for business and the consideration of school problems arising in their own classes.

The superintendent and teachers are discussing the formation of a Public School Union to be composed of the teachers, school officers and parents. The purpose of the club would be, the study of the public school system, discussing such questions as the "purpose of education," "relation of public schools to higher education and preparation for active life," "the course of study," "educational values," "children's recreations," "recesses," "punishment," "sanitation and ventilation," "school hygiene" etc, etc. Such a society certainly has a right to exist, and if properly conducted would do much to awaken interest in education and improve the condition of our schools very materially.

HOPS ARE STRONGER.

Suggestive Things That Happened in the Salem Market Yesterday.

Today's Salem Statesman: "Hop sales at 13 1/2 cents per pound actually transpired in this city yesterday, a result, it is claimed, of certain buyers pulling the market."

"A well known grower reached the city yesterday with samples upon which he felt justified in asking 15 cents, but buyers would not offer more than 14 cents, so the hops remained unsold; but the two facts, the positive sale of 13 1/2 cents, and the equally positive offer of 14 cents, gives a firm tone to hop interests here that have been long, and not vainly, it seems, anticipated."

IN EUGENE.

The market in Eugene is firm and offers of 13 cents were freely made.

S H Friendly has purchased the following lots of hops: Carl Weber 24 bales, Wm Seavey 52 bales, T D Sullivan 25 bales, Fred Stroud 20 bales, Noah Rhodes 25 bales, P Pennington 57 bales, C Stewart 25 bales, C C Hays 50 bales, Wm Siler 22 bales, Weber Bros 26 bales.

E C Smith has purchased about 150 bales of hops from Ben Owens at 12 cents per pound.

Yarnell & Perkins, today sold 47 bales of hops to E C Smith for 13 cents per pound.

THE SALEM MURDER.--The man found in the river at Salem has been fully identified as Ray Sink, of Wasco, and his remains will be taken to that city for burial though in a bad state of decomposition, having been in the water seven or eight days. It is reported that there is sufficient clue to the murderer to cause an arrest within a day, in fact the warrant has already been issued. There is enough known to indicate that a cold blooded murder of the worst order was perpetrated, probably for the money Sink carried.