

CHILDHOOD.

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O childhood! 'neath what happy skies, With what a cunning grace, And with what sun-obscuring dyes, The web of life you trace. How merrily the shuttle flies! By darling fancies taught; What figured marvels swiftly rise, In subtle beauty wrought. 'Tis but the border, but it cheers A weary, somber fold, That else was wrought through suffering years, With scarce a thread of gold. Sweet childhood! it were better far Earth swung in endless night, Without a sole companion star, Than life without thy light. —Woman's Journal.

WILLOW GRANGE.

A STORY OF LIFE IN EASTERN OREGON.

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CHAPTER XXIV.

Earle Russell soon found an opportunity to sell the overplus of his sheep, as they were of a good, pure breed, and his preparations for leaving the Grange were speedily accomplished. Mrs. Zimmerman was profuse in her expressions of regret at losing so excellent a neighbor, and begged Bertha to take Greta with her. Greta, too, wished very much to go, so that she might have an opportunity to attend school more. Bertha was glad to find that she was so trusted and prized by her poor neighbors, to whom she had shown many kindnesses, and told Greta that she would be delighted to give her a home, and pay her good wages whenever she was not in school. Roscoe Willis was not quite ready to leave the "upper country" yet. He had not made quite so much money as he wanted, so he prepared to send Florence down with Earle and Bertha for a visit, to remain, as he said, till this "cruel wuh was ovah."

off in good time, and Cleaveland and his young wife were henceforth to be the autocrats of Willow Grange. The journey by land to The Dalles was a pleasant one, if sand and dust were not considered, and on arriving there they found the place crowded with refugees from the vicinity of the Indian raids. Earle left his wife and children and Florence Willis to go down on the river boat, and started on himself the same day to go over the mountains with his loaded wagon, the emigrant road being pretty good at this time of year, and in general use by emigrants who were traveling either way. Bertha and Florence found the boat crowded, and stayed in their state-rooms the most of the day, as it was stormy. When they came out, who should Bertha see but her old friend Mrs. Nimms. She and her two daughters were "fleein' from the Injuns."

with yer paw, an' he didn't like her a mite, an' it used to plague the life out o' him to be hectorated about her. You just ask him when you get home what he done with that letter, that Samantha Briggs sent him, an' see if it don't make him laugh. But here we are clean to Portland, an' I've talked you mighty nigh to death, I reckon. Now you must come to see me, Miss Russell, for sure."

AN OLD LETTER.—There has lately been found among some old papers in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society the following interesting and suggestive letter: SEPTEMBER, 1682. To ye aged and beloved John Higginson:— There be now at sea a shippe (for our friend Esias Holcraft of London did advise me by the last packet that it would sail sometime in August) called ye Welcome, R. Greeaw, Master, which has on aboard a hundred or more of heretics and malignants called Quakers with W. Penn, who is at ye head of them. Ye General Court has accordingly given secret orders to Malichi Huxott, of ye brig Porpoise, to waylay ye said Welcome, as near ye coast of Codd as may be, and make captives of ye said Penn and his ungodly crew, so that ye Lord may be glorified and not mocked on ye soil of his new country by ye pagan worshippes of these people. Much spoil can be made by selling ye whole lot to Barbadoes, where slaves fetch good prices in rumme and sugar, and we shall not only do ye Lord good service by punishing ye wicked, but shall make gayne for his minister and his people. Yours in ye bowels of Christ. COTTON MATHER.

PORTLAND. The Great Commercial Center of the Northwest. Its Present and its Future.

It has a population of 21,000. It is to Oregon, and the Territories of Washington and Idaho, what New York City is to the State of New York, and bears the same relation to that State and those Territories that Chicago does to Illinois, St. Louis to Missouri, Philadelphia to Pennsylvania, and New Orleans to Louisiana. It has more territory tributary to it than any other city in the United States, and will soon be numbered with the foremost cities in the Union. Even at this time the hammer and the saw can be heard in all parts of the city; the demand for buildings is so great that the inclement season of Winter does not check the onward march of its growth. With the vast number of ships constantly plying between this and foreign ports, freighted with our constantly increasing agricultural products, and the numerous railroads now tributary to or terminating at this city, it will not require more than ten years to swell the population of our beautiful and growing city to 100,000 souls. Having a larger territory to command, and more than 100 miles of water front, we can furnish to support it, we may confidently assert that in less than a quarter of a century Portland will be the foremost city on the coast in point of wealth and population. We will here enumerate the many railroad enterprises already inaugurated. Some of them are constructed, and others in process of construction, all making their terminal at this city.

PORTLAND CITY HOMESTEAD. The land in this enterprise lies adjoining the city, and is only from ten to fifteen minutes' walk from the Court House, and a less distance than that from one of the best public schools in the city. It is divided into ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR LOTS. Fifty by one hundred feet in size, with streets fifty feet wide. PRICE.— All lots will be sold for \$100 each, payable in installments of \$5 per month, or the small sum of 16 2/3 cents per day. No interest will be charged, and a good and sufficient Bond for bond will be given upon the first day of the month of the installment of \$5, and a Warranty Deed upon receipt of last installment, both without expense to the purchaser. ROAD TO WEALTH.— This is the most certain and rapid through real estate investments, this enterprise offers far more inducements to the public than any other on the coast at this time, as the price and payments are within the reach of all. Don't let this chance pass. Buy a lot, build, also, make yourself independent. Many of you who live in rented houses pay more every year for rent than would purchase a lot and build a roof over your head. You then would be independent of exacting landlords, and in truth have a place to call home. DON'T FORGET.— That not many years ago some of the best lots in San Francisco were sold for an ounce of gold dust, and that now they cannot be bought for \$100,000. Also, remember that in Chicago some of the best business lots were once traded for a pair of old boots. How often is the remark made by old residents of Portland that once they could have bought lots for \$100 that \$30,000 would not buy now. It is not wise "to despise the day of small things." IT IS TRUE.— That of all real estate investments the homestead plan is the best and safest, as all who invest are interested in making the whole property more valuable. To illustrate: Suppose A builds a house on his lot, and B owns a lot adjoining; B gets the benefit of A's improvement, while A is not injured thereby. This philosophy will apply to the entire property. We have donated a lot to each of the principal churches for church purposes. Also, two lots are set apart for public school purposes. RAILROAD PURCHASE.— The Overland, Oregon and California and the Western Railroad Companies have purchased all the land from the east line of the Homestead (Ninth street) to the water front for their terminals, depots, machine shops, etc.; also the main line of the Oregonian Railway Company (Limited) will have its terminals near by. Thus the greatest railroad center on the Pacific Coast lies in close proximity to these lots. This purchase has caused a rise in all surrounding property of 100 per cent, making the lots in this Homestead from 75 to 100 per cent cheaper than any other real estate in Portland. Inasmuch as this Homestead was advertised to be sold for a stipulated price before the recent advance, unpleasant as it is, we shall strictly adhere to our advertised contract with the public to sell these lots for \$100 each for the next ninety days. The two hundred lots that were reserved for actual settlers are now all sold, and the demand to select the lots being so great, we have been compelled to place more lots on the market from which the public may select for the next ninety days. This affords an opportunity for persons so desiring to purchase the most beautiful residence property. TO PARTIES DESIRING TO PURCHASE.— This property is now selling very rapidly, and those wishing to buy will do well to call or send immediately for a lot or lots. But the first installment must be paid at the Banking House of Ladd & Tilton, in the city of Portland. PRIZES FROM A DISTANCE.— Desiring a lot, may forward \$5.00 to the General Manager, and a Bond will be immediately forwarded. Money may be forwarded by registered letter, money order, or Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, at my risk. For further particulars, apply to J. M. RICE, General Manager, Portland, Or. Or to H. A. MIGHT & McLAUGHLIN, 23 Morrison street. Certificates.— I certify that I am the owner of the lands in the Portland City Homestead—the title thereto is perfect, being a U. S. patent—and I authorize J. M. Rice to sell said property on the foregoing plan. F. A. MARQUAN.