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(The following article is taken from an old number of the Overland Monthly.)

Gardiner City is a little town on the Umpqua River in Southern Oregon, a shipping point for the lumber manufactured at the two sawmills of the place, which are located a few miles from the mouth of the stream.

The population are what the people of a logging camp and milling town usually are. Many of them who have their little homes along the meadows beyond the village or among the streams that feed the river, are still so far from the hurry of the world and the observation of Mrs. Grundy that they have ample time and room to cultivate their own marked individualities. But the frequency of the mails and the close approach of the railroad—which is now but two days journey away—have driven to a more remote spot some of the earlier pioneers of this place, men who were only at home on the extreme edges of civilization, and happy when paddling about over the placid stream in an Indian canoe with an Indian companion, perhaps as dumb as the salmon they would spear, or hunting the game that prowled the untrodden timber that covered the steep hillsides to the water's edge.

Thirty years ago a tall, slender, slightly stooped man, with bright eyes set well back under his high white forehead, shaded by an old hat generally in the last stages of disrepair, and clad in a flannel or buckskin shirt and overalls, enjoyed the proud distinction of being the "oddest genius" on the river. Many of his queer sayings and doings are yet told with feeling by the oldest citizens, as they sit about the fire in the "store," and swap yarns on the rainy winter afternoons.

Schomarsh, as he was known, was a man of considerable education and an unusually good surveyor in those early days. He was at times employed in that way, but only worked long enough to procure money for the supply of his immediate wants, which were few, and to buy materials for the many curious experiments he was continually trying, the working models of the inventions which he made but never patented. One of these inventions was a contrivance to propel a canoe by the pressure of the feet, leaving the hands free to use gun or fishing rod.

Numberless curious snares and traps for birds and wild animals he made, as he lived alone in his little one-roomed cabin, where he did his own cooking when and how he liked. He was a close observer of Nature, and her woods were an open book from whose pages he loved to read at all hours and in all weather. At dawn, at midnight, or at noonday, his boat would be seen gliding about over the dark river, or his gun be heard far in the odorous silence of the woods by the loggers around their evening campfire or at their noonday rest.

He was fond of his own queer jokes. Their humor was only appreciated up to a certain limited point by the most of his contemporaries; after that was reached, the laugh continued, but it would be at him. And indeed, it would almost seem that he might be insane, though such was not the case, even when he spent several days and some money he could ill spare to rig up an old canoe with a long, stout rope and a harpoon, with the purpose of anchoring it to a little whale that had gotten across the bar into the river at high tide, and for a week or more was seen, evidently not knowing how to get out to sea again. When asked what he wanted to do this for, and how he expected to get ashore again—for it was impossible to capture the creature with the means at hand—he answered that he could easily swim ashore, but he wanted to see the d— thing tow that old canoe over the bar.

So one day he paddled down stream with a jaunty little flag flying, and the rope and harpoon in readiness. He loitered down nearly to the bar before he saw the whale blowing at a little distance. By the time he got there it was somewhere else; and that continued to be the case for a tediously long time, before he had a good chance to throw the harpoon into the blowhole of the animal, as he had planned to do.

He was almost over it at last, and as it came slowly up he plunged the weapon in, standing up ready to pay out the rope as it would go the bottom. But it is always the unexpected that happens.

The whale did not go to the bottom just then—it forged ahead with startling speed, throwing the canoe high in the air and the man twenty feet away in another direction. When he came to the surface and dashed the water out of his eyes, he saw the capsized boat spinning through the water in a white line of foam, far ahead, and in a moment it sank.

All this had been watched from the shore by a party of huckleberry pickers—three children, a fat woman, and a girl. They had come down the river early in the morning, and their skiff was secured a few yards from where they were picking berries. When the girl's sharp eyes saw the result of the strange actions of the man in the canoe, she ran to the water, untied her skiff, poled it out with her oar, and in two minutes was rowing towards the swimmer, who had struck out for the nearest shore.

When she was alongside she stopped, and he called out quite cheerfully:

"Hello! did you come out here to pick me up?"

Her only answer was a short inclination of her head. He climbed into the boat and wanted to take the oars, but she pointed to the other oat, which he took obediently, a dripping figure, barefooted, hatless, clad only in shirt and overalls, as he had prepared to swim ashore. He was not expecting to be picked up in this way, and felt that some of the glory had been rubbed from his adventure. He was conscious of embarrassment and a slight sense of resentment before the calm regard of this young woman, who asked no questions, and whose face was hidden in the dark cavern of her bonnet. Was she dumb, or only unusually careful of her words? Who was she, anyway?

He was about to ask her, when, following her glance, he looked back, and there he saw the little whale on the bar sending up a blood stained spurt of water, and lashing about furiously. In the memory of his recent exploit he forgot his temporary embarrassment, and told his rescuer all about his planning to see the little whale towing the old canoe, with its flag flying, over the bar by the harpoon fast in his head; how it would probably attract the attention of passing vessels, who would lay by and endeavor to capture the strangely moving craft, but in vain.

The girl laughed, the first sound she had uttered since he got into the boat.

"Did you do all that on purpose?" she said.

"Yes; I intended to swim ashore. I didn't suppose the blamed thing would upset the boat right away."

Again a long peal of laughter.

"Well, ye air the plumbest idjit. If I had 'a' known, I wouldn't 'a' gone after ye."

Just then they touched the sand, and as the boat was drawn up she declined the many offers of assistance from the men who had collected on the shore from the quarters at the Indian reservation on the bank above, from where the maneuvers of the decorated canoe had been watched for some time, and the rescue with thrills of deep interest; but paying no attention to any remarks, the girl disappeared in the huckleberry bushes so quickly that Schomarsh did not have a chance to speak to her again. Nor could he find out anything of her identity from the men he entertained at the mess dinner with an account of his adventure.

Later in the day he saw the skiff, loaded with children, the fat woman, and the buckets of berries, go flying up stream under a scrap of sail with favoring wind and tide. Through the glass he could see the berry stains on the laces of the children, and the blue bonnet at the tiller rope.

But what did the other woman have on her neck? "Must be some new kind of woman's riggin'; they are a queer lot anyhow." So he gave up the puzzle and got into his own dried clothing.

He soon hired an Indian and canoe to take him home, where his dog met him with evident relief of mind; as he had not been allowed to accompany the expedition that day, he had had serious doubts about its being a wise one.

Not without foundation in the past was this doubt in the mind of Schomarsh's best friend, for he had been the innocent victim of an experiment that had culminated prematurely.

In the heavy timber of that time lived great numbers of black bear, which were hard to hunt, difficult to kill, and troublesome to all kinds of stock. How to get rid of these animals by some more expeditious means had long been a problem to the dwellers along the river, —one that Schomarsh at last proudly announced he would solve. He had a quantity of hard wood plugs turned, some six inches long by one and one-half in diameter. He then bored holes of a corresponding size in as many trees where signs of the bear were frequent.

He then filled part of the cavity with powder and some matches that were to be ignited by a string running through a groove, and connected with a piece of bait that hung, when all was ready, just where the sharpened plug, driven right into the hole, would be sent through the bear's head when he scraped the matches by pulling the meat away.

This scheme was admitted plausible, but if enthusiasm was not expressed in a gratifying decree, the inventor did not let it discourage him. When all his preparations were complete, he hired Indians to bring canoe loads of bait from down the coast where a whale had gone ashore, and carrying this on the back of a snorting and much disgusted pony, he went through the woods, carefully attaching seductive morsels to the pendent strings of his loaded trees, his old dog watching him.

He had not been allowed to eat any of the meat, for sanitary reasons. But while Schomarsh was fixing the second tree, Grabem turned over in his mind the folly of letting that other piece of meat go to waste. His master must have forgotten it; at any rate, it would be much better buried where he would be sure to find it next,— and yielding to his inner prompting he ran back.

In a few minutes Schomarsh and the pony were startled by a terrific explosion, followed by the voice of Grabem in a keen wail of surprise and pain. Hurrying through the brush, Schomarsh met the limping dog, bleeding profusely from a torn shoulder, where the sharpened stick had struck him. He expressed remorse and humiliation so plainly that his master took him to the river and bathed his wound, instead of kicking him, as Grabem felt he would have been justified in doing.

At intervals for weeks explosions would be heard at all hours of the day and night; soon after Schomarsh would be seen paddling in that direction, but never to find a victim. He had, then, some alleys of brush built on either side, and in one of these he did find a bear with the peg driven into its brain. By this he felt so encouraged that he renewed the bait on all the remaining engines of destruction.

On one of his expeditions for this purpose he met a woman among the trees with a gun over her shoulder and a dog at her heels. After the second glance he recognized her as the same one that came for him in a skiff the day of his inglorious whaling cruise. She acknowledged his greeting by a fleeting nod and a face as she passed on, but he saw that the face under the bonnet was flushed and the eyes very bright.

Schomarsh wondered why he did not meet the fat woman or some of the children, but he saw no one until he came to the sled trails worn by the trees as they were dragged from far in the woods to the nearest river bank. Presently he heard men's voices and laughter, and then through the leaves he saw them standing about the eight yoke of panting oxen attached to a great felled tree, as resting for breath they had halted in the shade.

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Dated at Roseburg, Oregon this the 30th day of September, 1899.

(Oct. 2) S. K. ADAMS, Administrator of the estate of D. S. McCampbell, deceased.

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GEO. W. DIMMICK, County Treasurer, Douglas County, Or

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned was on the 2nd day of Oct. 1899, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel Turner deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, properly verified, to the said administrator at Scottsburg, Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 5th day of October, 1899.

WILLIAM J. BURCHARD, Administrator of the estate of Samuel Turner, deceased.

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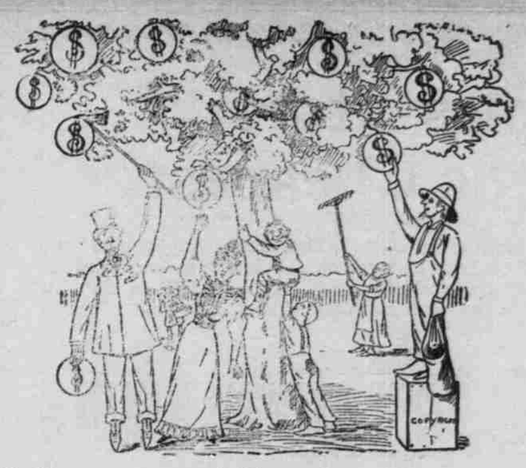

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Northbound—overland, No. 5, arrives 10:35 a. m.; departs 10:45 a. m.

Southbound—overland, No. 6, arrives 4:15 a. m.; departs 4:25 a. m.

FREIGHT TRAINS.

Northbound—fast through freight, No 221, arrives 4:10 p. m.; departs 5:20 p. m.

Southbound—fast through freight, No 222, arrives 7:00 a. m.; departs 8:00 a m.

Northbound mixed train No. 222 arrives at 2:55 p. m., Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, departs 9:00 a. m., Mondays Thursdays and Saturdays.

Southbound mixed train No. 226 arrives at 3:00 p. m., on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays, departs 7:15 a. m. Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office
Roseburg, Or., November 7, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, on December 15, 1899, viz:

JOHN SEEDORF

On H. E. No. 6019, for the Lot 2, NE¼ NE¼ Section 32 T. 25 South, R. 3 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jones Gough, Adnie Gough, of Oakland, Oregon; John Hughs, of Wilbur, Oregon; Henry Rees of Oakland, Oregon.

(n947) J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

Notice.

United States Land Office,
ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 1, 1899.

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that the Oregon and California Railroad Co. has filed in this office a list of lands situated in the township described below, and has applied for a patent for said lands; that the list is open to the public for inspection and a copy thereof by descriptive subdivisions, has been posted in a convenient place in this office, for the inspection of all persons interested and to the public generally:

South of base line and West of Willamette Meridian.

T 26, R 3.
NW¼ of NE¼, Sec 22
T 26, R 2.
Lot 3, Sec 33.
T 25, R 5.
N½ NE¼ and SW¼ NE¼, Sec
T 20, R 4.
NW¼ SW¼ Sec 35
T 20, R 5.
SE¼ SE¼, Sec 29.
T 24, R 8.
NE¼ SW¼, Sec 1
T 29, R 8.
S½ SE¼, Sec 7.
T 29, R 6.
E½ SW¼, Sec 7.

Within the next sixty days following the date of this notice, protests or contests against the claim of the company to any tract or subdivision within any section or part of section, described in the list, on the ground that the same is more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, will be received and noted for report to the General Land Office at Washington, D. C.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.
J. H. BOOTH, Receiver.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Douglas:

In the matter of the estate of David Grenot, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the above named estate has filed in said court his final account in the settlement thereof, and that said court, by order duly made and entered in the Journal thereof, has fixed Monday, the 6th day of November, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, the said day being the regular day of the regular November, 1899, term of said court to hear objections, if any there be, to said final account and settlement of said estate.

Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, this 28th day September, 1899.

(o217) N. LA RAUT, Administrator.

Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Roseburg, Oregon, September 23, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, on November 9, 1899, viz:

ARTHUR F. DUNCAN.

On H. E. No. 7885, for the SE¼ NW¼, NE¼ SW¼ NW¼ SE¼, Sec. 32, Tp. 24 S, R. 6 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Levulett, John Shook, Joel Hole, Ass Cole, all of Oakland, Oregon.

(o2p) J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, administrator of the estate of Charles Lapoint, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the County Court for Douglas County, State of Oregon, and that said Court has set Monday, November 6, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the court house in Roseburg, Douglas county, State of Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections thereto and for the final settlement of said estate.

Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, this 30th day of September, 1899.

N. LARAUT, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Lapoint, deceased. (o217)

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been by the County Court of Douglas County, State of Oregon, appointed the administrator of the estate of Huldah Wilson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at Riddle, Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1899.

GEORGE K. QUINE, Administrator of the estate of Huldah Wilson, Deceased. o2817

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