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### IN EARLIER DAYS.

Fred Lockley, in Portland Journal.

NE of the oldest settlers. boos Bay is A. G. Alken, or Glen Aiken as he is usually "I came out with my two called. brothers just 60 years ago," said Mr. Aiken. "We took the boat at Mr. Aiken. "We took the boat at Plitsburg, Pa., went down the Ohio River and up the Missouri to Indepandence, where we joined Captain D. Biles' wagon company, and by the way, his widow lives in Por-We went to Marysville, as land. Corvallia was then called. brother Jim took up a claim near worked around Marys-Albany. ville and Albany that winter. In the spring of '54 the Government sent a party to build a road from Fort Walla Walla to Fort Stillarous in Washington territory, 1 worked with them for three months and then I went to visit by brother John at Whidby's Island.

We found that Jim had gone in February to Coos Bay. Father had owned a coal mine in Pennsylvania and all three of us boys had worked Jim heard there were indi-In it. cations of coal on Coos Bay so he sent word out to us that he had struck a coal mine and to come We went there in the fall down. We arrived on October Perry B. Marple organized a company at Jacksonville to go to Coos Bay and take up claims, F G. Lockhart, one of this party, took up claim where North Bend is now He was warned by the indians to leave, so he went to Empire, four miles distant, where his wife taught school and thus became Coos Coun-ty's first school teacher. Mrs. Lockstill alive and resides in hart Marshfield.

"The company put Frank Wilcox on Lockhart's claim when Lockhart left it. We spent the winter of '54 getting out coal from Jim's mine on Boatman's Gulch. We got out 200 tons and Flanagan and Mann. who were about to open the New-port mine, shipped it to San Fran-Castle of Chillon nearly four cencisco for us. Frank White, who later became a Lieutenant in the turies ago by the tyrant Charles III. United States Army, was one of our bunch that helped get out the of Savoy. For six years he languished in his gloomy cell chained coal

'Doc.' Gaddis, Sam Darlington, to a post in the center. For six Frank Ross and Dick Learn also long, dreary years his jailers heard worked in the mine.

'One night after we quit work Frank Wilcox came up to the mine pass his lips. to see if he could sell his claim he was rescued by his countrymen at North Bend. He wanted me to his first thought was not of himbuy it, so I finally gave him my saddle and bridle for horse quarter section and he mounted and rode away and I never heard of him again. I wasn't of age, so John, my brother, agreed to hold it till I could prove up on it with the understanding we would divide equally whatever we made out of it. After we had held the claim for two years Alf Pennell, an employe of A. M. Simpson of San Francisco, bought it of me for 300. In the summer of 1856, Simpson his mill there, H. H. Luce built built his mill at Empire the same year. I suppose you know that Empire was the county seat of this county at one time. I helped Old Man Luce get out the timbers 'or his mill.

"The year before, that is, 1855, that cap the summit of Mont Blanc enlisted to fight in the Rogue itself, have made Chamonix one of River Indian war. Captain William Harris was in command of the the most popular of all mountain Coos County troops. All of the resorts. men at the coal mines and prac-tically every other able-bodied man in the county enlisted. There were 43 in all. During the Indian war the Coos County Indians came in and said they were in gauger of being killed by the Rogue River indians for not fighting against the We had them camp near whites, the block house at Empire and Judge Mann, quartermaster at Empire, hired sam Dement and Jack Pence, now of Bellingham, to kill elk and deer for the Indians. They made about a thousand doilars aplece out of their contract. Dement was a blacksmith. He took his money out to the Willamette Valley and bought cows and brought them to his ranch on Coquille River. He sold his butter the to the miners on Sixes Creek and on the headwaters of the Coquille. His cows made him rich, a6 to '63 I worked in the mines From most of the times. I got elk, supply the miners. Later I 'punmost of the time getting meat to I got elk, deer builts' for 20 years in the logging camps. For some years I got out logs for the Simpson mill. In those days we cut the fimber that was handlest to the water, paying no attention whether it was on private or government land. Timwas so plentiful it thought of very highly. The three oldest settlers in the county ar-Lockhart, who is about \$7 and who came the year before 1 did, Lyman Noble and myself.



and a little boat grated on the he asked. "Free also!" they replied. shore of Lake Geneva, and

there stepped from it a man enveloped in a long black cost. For have been enacted within the walls over an hour he remained all by of the time-worn stronghold would himself in the historic dungeon, be impossible. One of the most when he had gone a new name terrible is the story of the hundred was found carved on the post to Jews who were fortured and then which Bonnivard had been chained, buried alive on the foolish suspicion today by all who visit Chillon.

To tell of all the tragedies that "We started on horseback for That name-Byron-may be seen that they had poisoned all the wells the Willamette Valley to visit Jim. raday by all who visit Chillon. of Europe. Bur the tragedy of Bonnivard is

the most famous of all, and this is due to the poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon," written by Lord Byron. And, strange to say, Byran's "Prisoner" was a purely imaginary per-The real Bonnivard's story son. was quite different, The Lake of Geneva, the lake of poetry and song, is sometimes also known by the name of Lake Leman. It's waters form a beautiful blue

crescent, forty-five miles long and eight miles wide. It is said that Neptune, the sea-god, once came to see the Lake Geneva, and was so charmed with its beauty that he gave it his own likeness in miniature.

The names of many men of genius are associated with this famous

lake. Byron often sailed upon its liberties, was imprisoned in the surface. The poet Shelley nearly frowned there. Madame de Stael lived at one point along its shore. Voltaire, the great genius of France. held his literary court there for vears. Gibbon finished "The Deline and Fall of the Roman Emdre" near its waters.

Many have praised the Lake of Geneva. Tyndall said that its water was the purest natural water ever analyzed; Voltaire declared it to be the "First of Lakes;" Alexander pillar round which he had walked Dumas compared it to the Bay of so many years, he was but a shadow Naples. It is indeed a lovely lake, and only to linger on its shores for

excelled the world over.

#### No. 4. CHAMONIX

HE valley of Chamonix has best in his "Hymn Before Sunrise Mont Blanc, but it does not in the Vale of Chamouni": need it, for it has beauty enough of its own. The green fields, the swift running waters of the River Arve, the huge rivers of ice that flow down into the valleys, and the everlasting snows

Bonnivard, the defender of Swiss

of his former self.

cried.

best?"

"Bonnivard, you are free!" they a few days is a delight not to be

"Who made you glorious as the gates of Heaven

Beneath the keen full moon? Who bade the sun Clothe you with rainbows? Who

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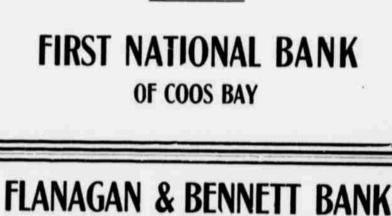
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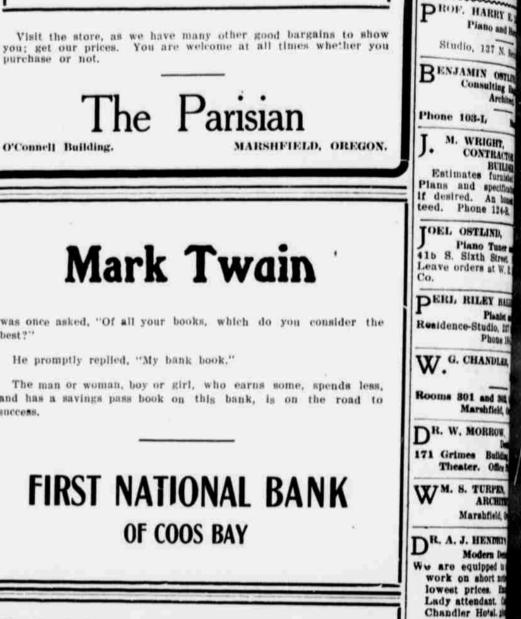
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The valley of Chamonix runs from northeast to southeast and is and "The Mentor" will know Art. watered by the Arve, which rises in the Mor de Blace, Chamonix, the village, 3,445 feet above the sea, is visited annually by thousands wasn't of tourists, as it is the best starting point for the exploration of the glaciers of the Mont Blanc chain, as well as for the ascent of Mont Blane Itself.

Mont Blane dominates the valley of Chamonix. It is 15,779 feet high and its summit is always covered with snow. Jacques Balmat, a guide, first conquered this peak in 1786. De Saussure, the great Swiss scientist, in 1761 had promisod a large reward to the man who found a practicable route to the top. During the twenty odd years that followed many vain attempts to win this reward were made. But it was not until 1786 that young Jacques Balmat, who had been born after De Saussure made his offer, succeeded in climbing the mountain. The ascent has been made many times since, and In 1893 Dr. Janssen built an observatory on the summit. Many of the greatest poets and

prose writers have told of the feeling of awe inspired in their breasts by Mont Blane in its majesty-Goethe, Victor Hugo, Byron, Sheiley, Wordsworth. But perhaps Coleridge has expressed this feeling

Answer! and let the ice-plains echo, God!"

Chamonix has long been well known as a place to visit in the summer; but it is just beginning to become known as a winter resort. In winter there is fine skating, skeeing, tobogganing and bobsledding. There are two skating clubs of Paris whose headquarters are at Chamonix in the winter and some of the most expert skating in the world is done there.

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