

MUNKERS CLAN HOLDS REUNION

Event is at Hager's Grove Which is on Family's Donation Claim

Sunday the members of Munkers clan held their annual reunion at Hager's Grove, the grove being a part of the Munkers donation land claim.

Following a picnic dinner, a short business meeting was held. Interesting talks were given by the older members of the family, and by Riley Shelton of Seio, an old-time friend of the Munkers family.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Binford and son Tom, Mrs. Opal M. Guerin and daughter Louise, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Smallman, John Smallman, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker, Leola Jane Smallman, Leona Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. H. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Worden, all of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Munkers of Lexington, Ore., Mrs. Winifred M. Hosh of Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood, Leona Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Milner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur J. of Rainier, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ward, Eugene; Riley Munkers, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Munkers and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wohlgenuth, Newberg.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Jewett, Mrs. Katharine Harren, Mrs. Ella Walker, C. L. Munkers and son Claude, C. J. Josie Munkers, Tom C. Johnson, Charles Johnson, all of Salem; W. S. Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Teter, Chemawa; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Shelton, and Mrs. W. A. Erving, Seio, and Mr. and Mrs. Will May, Salem.

The following narrative of crossing the plains in 1846 was read. It was related by Mrs. Elizabeth Munkers Estes while sitting by her fireside, Christmas eve, 1915.

"From near Liberty, Mo., in early April, 1846, about 50 families prepared to make the journey to the far away Oregon Territory which then included what is now the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and part of Nevada, was among them. His family was composed of an invalid wife, three married sons and one married daughter, besides five younger children; the youngest a boy of five years. I was then 10 years old and still have quite a clear memory of the journey.

"All the way across Mother was unable to do anything; even having to be lifted in an out of the wagon. She made the entire ride on a bed. It was my work to help my brother's wife, who managed the cooking for our camp.

"The Munkers family started out with five wagons drawn by oxen; three yokes to each wagon, 30 head of oxen, 50 head of roan Durham cows and five saddle horses. These made up our train. Most all the company drove through some stock, but I think no other family had so many as we.

"When we left Missouri there was a train of about 100 wagons but that was found to be too large a party to travel together as the teams must be kept up by grazing by the way. So they scattered out under leaders, or train captains, as we called them. When we started a man by the name of Martin was our captain. Later when our train was much smaller, Ben Simpson, father of Sam Simpson, was our head man. The future Post of Oregon was then Baby Sam of the camp. Many a time I cared for him while his mother did the family wash.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

By LILLIAN L. MADSEN

Last Sunday I promised that my next article should deal with the new things to plant this autumn. Particularly I did I promised to write something of the new roses I had seen during the summer. One can hardly realize that autumn is just beginning and the best rose-planting season scarcely 60 days away. It is indeed, the time now to be looking through the catalogues deciding what shrubs, bulbs and plants to be adding to the garden. Even if one can make only a small addition each year something new keeps a greater interest in the garden.

Choosing roses, like choosing anything else, is so largely a matter of taste that it is difficult for anyone to advise. However, several new roses have appeared the last few years and many of them are unusually lovely. Some of those that I shall mention are not just recent creations but are varieties that I have particularly admired this summer.

Olympiad attractive
Of course, Olympiad (Mme. Raymond Gaudard) is one of the outstanding new hybrid-teas, and it is a lovely thing. It is one of Pernet-Ducher's seedlings but it did not come into bloom until this great rosarian had passed away in 1929. I believe it appeared for the first time in an American garden show last September. It appeared in France under the name of Mme. Raymond Gaudard but this has been changed to Olympiad. Its buds are long and beautifully shaped. The coloring is a deep red with a yellow center. The leaves are like those of the new roses, it is said to be very free flowering. Another comparatively new rose (1930) which has gained great popularity on the coast this summer is the President Hoover. W. S. Jack, a Silverton gardener, collected one of the first flowers in the early part of this year and during its spring blooming period admirers were about the bush continuously. Mr. Jack reports that it is very well satisfied with President Hoover as a rose. It certainly has a beautiful coloring, a deep red with a yellow center. The leaves are like those of the new roses, it is said to be very free flowering. Another comparatively new rose (1930) which has gained great popularity on the coast this summer is the President Hoover. W. S. Jack, a Silverton gardener, collected one of the first flowers in the early part of this year and during its spring blooming period admirers were about the bush continuously. Mr. Jack reports that it is very well satisfied with President Hoover as a rose. It certainly has a beautiful coloring, a deep red with a yellow center. The leaves are like those of the new roses, it is said to be very free flowering.

Betty Sutter, introduced by McGredy & Sons in 1929, is also a delightful find for the lover of the long budded varieties. It is pink, lighter pink within than without. Coletonia (1928) is a general favorite because it usually is borne camp belongings were blown helter-skelter over the country around about and our stock was stampeded until it took us the next day to get them rounded up. But after all we had but a few hardships compared with some of the emigrant trains. Some years, you know, there was cholera that wiped out entire families and trains that were raided by Indians and too, there were times when the oxen were diseased and died, leaving families stranded on the plains. Yes, we were very lucky!

"In the early autumn we reached the Columbia river and we drove down that through the Barlow pass and came into the Willamette valley. We made camp in the Swart's place is now. Father was anxious to secure a place where he could have shelter for the invalid mother and when he found a chance to buy out a homesteader—a man by the name of Anderson—he was glad to pay him his price of \$1000 and take possession at once. The place was on Mill creek, four miles east of Salem. There was a comfortable log house of two rooms; a log barn and 10 of the 640 acres were farmed. Thus, before the winter rains came on we were snugly settled. Father brought in what supplies he could for the house and for our stock but most of the cattle were turned on the range.

"The first winter's work was making rails with which to fence the farm and then followed sowing and breaking up the soil, thus adding some acres each year to our fields. Father set out an orchard of apple and peach trees in the spring of '50, I think it was. I do not remember where he got the nursery stock. He brought a half bushel of peach stones from Missouri. The orchard grew nicely and I think it was in the autumn of '55 that father had 100 bushels of apples to sell. Fourteen dollars was the price he got per bushel. I do not often hear it spoken of now but there was a time in the settlement where we lived when some of the crops were currency. I cannot now say what the face value was but I think one bushel of either represented \$1. In debt or credit. Peas were much used for coffee and often the only sweetening to be had was molasses.

"Oh, no, child! We were not poor! Father brought \$10,000 to this country. How? In gold and silver. You know Mother was brought on a bedstead set right into the wagon. Well, underneath her bed was a box of bedding and in that box the money was cached. Yes, we soon had pretty good homes started, but the stampede to the gold mines in California in '49 and '50 was a bad thing for our families. Four of my brothers went—Thomas, 14 years old; Ron, 16; Riley, 19, and Martin. The latter died there. They would all have gotten ahead faster had they stayed at home.

"Where did I go to school? I did not have much chance to go to school after we came here. One winter the neighbors got up a school. There was a vacant house and they hired a man to teach the children a while. I went. That was about all the schooling I had after I came to Oregon.

"Yes, I've been here a long time. Seventy years! I've seen being blown into the river. Our Oregon grow up!"

DELPHINIUM REAL THING OF BEAUTY

Special Attention Needed If They are Grown for Show Exhibition

By NETTIE REEVES
JEFFERSON, Aug. 27.—Every flower lover knows the beauty offered by the delphinium. We find that for garden adornment they do not require as much care and attention as when grown for exhibition. When producing them for color is the principal thing—a close examination of pip or spike is not apt to be made. Although the flowers are small and spikes short and perhaps crooked, the garden effect of harmony of color is the same as if the plants were of much better quality. But for prize winners, the best delphinium plants obtainable must be had.

Select plants on which the blooms are round and flat, and so placed on the spike that the tips of the petals just touch. There should be no bare places on the stem. It should be evenly covered with the pips all the way up. It is necessary to begin the year before, by buying good delphinium—named if possible—plants, merely seedlings. It is a good idea to get root cuttings (pot-grown) which can usually be procured fairly early in the summer, and plant out at once in a well prepared plot of ground.

Roots Real Indicator
These cuttings may appear to have very small and miserable-looking, but tip them out of their pots and look at the root system; if it is vigorous, never mind the tops, for they should not bloom until next summer anyhow, and all their energies are going to make a strong, healthy plant. Seedlings can be used, if there is ample space in which to grow a large number of plants. Get the best seed possible and sow in the spring, planting out when of proper size. A large number of plants is necessary so as to be able to select enough good ones.

The beds in which they are placed, seedlings or rooted cuttings, should be well and deeply dug, and the soil should be loose and friable. If it is not so, sand or coal ashes, and leaf mold or peat, with thoroughly rotted manure should be added; together with a sprinkling of lime. The soil must be loose, so that the roots can run freely. Cultivation should be continuous, but shallow, as the bedding roots are near the surface. The bed should be placed so as to receive plenty of sunshine, and if possible protected from the wind. As the spikes grow, they should be staked, otherwise the wind may break them.

Interesting History Told As End Nears For Station Of Railroad at Monmouth

MONMOUTH, Aug. 27.—Inter-

esting Polk county history concerning rail transportation is brought to mid with announcement that the Southern Pacific station at Monmouth will be closed August 31. For several years there has been a gradual discontinuation of use of the rail connections leading to Monmouth, such as is noticeable in practically all towns located on a paved highway.

Monmouth was first provided with rail transportation 51 years ago on the line extending from Dallas to Monmouth; and on September 17, 1881, from Monmouth to Airle. It was constructed as the Oregonian Railway Company, Limited.

Remember Original Welcome
Mrs. Elizabeth Landis Ebbert of Monmouth, who will celebrate her 92nd anniversary next month, recalls that she cooked for a large group of the construction workers on this road more than a half century ago.

The little town of Airle, which built up around the terminus, brings out in its name, a bit of historical association with an international frontier. Lewis A. McClure of Portland states in his book, "Oregon Geographic Names."

"Airle, Polk county. This was the southern terminus of the narrow gauge line of the Oregonian Railway Company, Limited. The tracks were subsequently widened to standard gauge, and the property is now controlled by the Southern Pacific company. The station was named for the Earl of Airle in Scotland. He was president of the Oregonian Railway Company, Limited, and visited Oregon during the course of construction."

2-Mile Link Valuable
Monmouth was connected with Independence by rail about 1890, when the late Joe Herzhberger, banker and hop grower of Independence, built a two-mile link between the towns, and operated it. This gave Monmouth rail connection with Portland and all southern points through the Southern Pacific at Independence, as well as at Dallas and also connection by transportation to Salem. As automobile transportation increased the usefulness of the little road was jeopardized, and it closed in 1915.

Train service from Monmouth to Airle was discontinued in the spring of 1929. Monmouth's position as a railway station, became a little less secure each year, although valiant effort to continue its maintenance here have been exerted by business men of the town. In the past year trains have run less frequently between Monmouth and Dallas. At present it looks as though the final chapter of this road is being written. A C. Rogers has been here for ten years.

RECEPTION GIVEN CANNELL FAMILY

Return From California and Are Greeted; Program Is Much Enjoyed

AMITY, Aug. 27.—Rev. and Mrs. Fred L. Cannell and family were given a party and reception when they returned from their recent trip to California. They received many and numerous articles that were useful. The following program was given: piano solo by Jean Abraham; cornet solo, Alan Torbet; reading by Mrs. Grace Patten; vocal solo, Eleanor Massey; and song by the Rev. Cannell and three daughters, Jessie, LaVina and Gertrude.

Refreshments were served consisting of cake, punch and ice cream. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robertson of Cheyenne, Wyo., visited a few days with her brother, Oscar Taylor. Mrs. Robertson formerly lived here and will be remembered as Mrs. Frank Seal.

Dr. Matthis recently purchased the Mrs. R. Wallace property formerly known as the Yarnes house. Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. Payne have been busy moving into their newly purchased home located on Trade street.

Miss Shirley Umphette who has been very ill for some time was taken to Salem where she will have constant medical attention as well as other treatments. Mrs. O. H. Morse returned recently from her trip east as far as Indiana where she visited relatives and friends.

Lloyd Troehman ended the career of a rattlesnake; when he was cutting clover the mower nearly cut the reptile in two. It had five rattles and a button.

Miss Mable Stinson and friend and Miss Helen Karus were Portland callers Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Holden is Feted; Goes to Salem to Live

LIBERTY, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Kate Holden was pleasantly surprised Friday night when a group of neighbors met to bid her farewell before she moves to Salem where she will make her home.

Holden will be greatly missed as she has always been active in community affairs. The Strohmair family who have been living on the Clarence Jory place except the greenhouse which she has reserved and will continue to operate on a small scale.

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