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Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Letter from the Luckiamute valley in 1846; one could name his pay, if from \$1 to \$1.50:

(Concluding from yesterday.) King's Valley was, of course, named for Nahum King, of the 1845 immigration.

The grist mill, built there by Rowland Chambers of that immigration, in its business, or was up to a late date. A. H. Reynolds aided in building that mill, in 1853-4. Reynolds constructed the famous pioneer Elias Buell mill, Buell, Polk county, worked on the pioneer woolen mill (first on this coast) at Salem, promoted and owned mills in eastern Oregon, founded the first bank at Walla Walla, Wash., etc., and his sons have been among the greatest, ablest friends of Whitman college, Walla Walla.

The Linton of the 1846 letter was Linton, below W. Portland, now in the limits of the metropolitan. Melka was Stephen Meek, brother of Joe Meek, Fort Boise was Fort Boise. Fort Larim was Fort Laramie. The letter written at the last named place was of course sent by messenger. No U. S. mails here then.

"What the United States will do for us I cannot tell. You know more about that than I do." That meant the Oregon question, "54-40 or fight," etc. Oregon was, when the letter was written, still a no man's land. The international line was established between Canada and the United States July 15 of that year, 1846. Even then, a long wait impeded for territorial government, then for statehood. The pioneer Oregon settlers made their own laws, land laws and others, through their provisional government. And it turned out that they were all good under future forms, territorial and state.

The famous Fort Hoskins of the last Indian war and coast reservation days, from 1856 on, was King's Valley. More about this mill in a later issue.

Solomon King, son of the pioneer Nahum King, was 12 when the family came via covered wagon train in 1845. His father was born in New York, married Sarageta Norton, they moved to Ohio near Columbus. There Solomon was born Feb. 26, 1833. Nahum King enlisted at the home near Columbus in the war of 1812. After that war the family moved to Franklin county, Ohio, then to Carroll county, Mo., in 1841. From there the start was made to Oregon in 1845.

The oldest King son, John, together with his wife and two children, died on a raft of pine logs while going down the Columbia river with part of the 1845 immigration. It had taken the Meek cut-off. Stephen, another son, served in the Cayuse war, 1847-8, and died in November, 1854. These facts are given in the Chapman history, 1903. That book says of Solomon King:

"He worked hard to improve the land, and when 21 years of age had saved enough money and had bright enough prospects to justify him in taking a wife in the person of Maria King." She was of course his brother Stephen's widow, mentioned heretofore.

Solomon was elected on the republican ticket sheriff of Benton county in 1872, having moved to Corvallis and engaged in the livery business. He was reelected five times; a record for Benton county.

In 1886 he bought land near which Oregon State college's main buildings now stand. He acquired other landed interests, engaged in fine stock breeding and dairying, etc., and gave fortunes to his six children born to himself and wife.

The King family wintered on Gale's creek, near Forest Grove, in 1845-6, and in the spring of 1846 went to the valley in Benton county that was to bear its name. They were the first settlers of that valley.

Nahum King took a claim of 640 acres, as did Lucius Norton, his son-in-law, and Rowland Chambers. Two of the King sons later took 640 acre claims each. With their wives, for half of each donation claim of 640 acres belonged to the wife; hers absolutely until she signed away her right, if ever, or died.

Stephen King, the year of his death, had been helping Rowland Chambers in building the pioneer mill.

The Chapman book says of Solomon King: "When he first arrived in King's valley there was no sign of a schoolhouse, and when plans were finally made for the education of the rising generation, but for the greater part was dependent on his own resources for his practical, all-around education." (The writer has known men, Oregon pioneers, with as little as three months' schooling who were well educated.)

Gale's creek, on which the Kings first settled in the fall of 1845, was named for Joseph Gale, (called a governor of Oregon), who was a member of the first executive committee of the provisional government, chosen at the Champeo meeting of July 5, 1843.

Waiting at the Church



On the Record

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

Mr. Galloway and Mr. Payne It is not inappropos to ask at this moment: Who is the government of the United States, and who runs the post office department in it? Because in Niles, Ohio, the United States post office has a couple of censors. Their names are Mr. Galloway and Mr. Payne. They are representatives of the Steel Workers organizing committee, which is conducting a strike against the various affiliates of the Republic Steel corporation. These gentlemen have to the assistant postmaster, Mr. Bert Flaherty, according to his own report, that they won't allow "packages of non-perishable food, or of clothing, or of newspapers, to be accepted for delivery to men who are still working in the Republic plant, and so Mr. Flaherty regrets."

Now let's get this clear. This column believes in trade unions. This column believes that the industrial union is, by and large, the best form of organization for mass production industries. This column believes that the closed shop is advantageous. It believes in all these things, subject to genuinely democratic control in the union, and their willingness to accept responsibility to collaborate in efficient production, and protect the public. But more than that, it believes in law, and this column believes in law and in government by law. The post office is not the property of the C. I. O. or of any other trade union. And it is fantastic and unique that a private organization can decide what shall or shall not be sent through the United States mail, and can actually send representatives to open packages and give postmaster orders. The action is revolutionary.

The way it was paved by Mr. Farley. Some days ago he announced that he would forward only "normal" parcel post packages to workers in the factories which are being struck. The ground for that remarkable decision was that the post office department does not want to take sides! It was an amazing statement. We had not known, until that moment, that it was the business of the post office department to intervene in any way in labor disputes. There are laws prohibiting the shipment of certain classes of goods—perishable food stuffs, for instance, and obscene literature—through the United States mails. But it is news that any law covers the prohibition of newspapers, which are otherwise admitted to the mails, to specific destinations. And it is news, a news unique in our history, that trade union officials may open mail and censor it for the news that the American people have heard for a long time.

Quickly, very quickly, the people of the United States must decide what course they wish to have pursued. In the settlement of labor disputes, because the course that is being taken amounts already to minor civil war, in which the noncombatants are being terrorized even as the combatants are. The Wagner labor relations act, ironically designed to mitigate the causes of industrial strife, is getting us nowhere. The C. I. O. plainly interprets the act to

mean the legalization of any method whatsoever for enforcing the recognition of its own membership, as sole collective bargaining agency, wherever they may try to organize. If that is the purpose of the act, the English language is singularly unexpressive.

The capitulation of the post office to force, is only another step in the breakdown of law. Strikers and their allies have been sniping at airplanes, bent on carrying food to the workers in the factories. Some reporters describe strikers carrying rifles, and all reporters agree that they are armed with baseball bats and home-made bludgeons, and that the areas around the plants are policed for blocks by strikers who close the streets to every pedestrian, whether concerned in the dispute or not.

All this is patently against the law. No organization, except the forces of government itself, has the right to close off streets. No American citizen has the right to threaten another American citizen with any weapon, whether it be firearms or brickbat. And in the long run, no free people will endure such invasion of civil liberties and basic rights. Either the law must be clear and function justly, or we shall see in this country the horrible growth of vigilantism.

Reunion Held, Tailman Area

Bride-Elect to Be Honored at Shower Friday; Mill Burns

LEBANON, June 8.—The Clymer-Thompson annual reunion at the home of Mrs. M. C. McQueen of Tailman Sunday was attended by about 100 relatives coming from Seattle, Yakima and White Salmon, Wash.; Sutherlin, Portland, Salem and other Oregon points.

Following a covered dish dinner Mrs. Mervin Gilson, of Lebanon, chairman put on a program of music and readings. The parents and grandmother of Carl Birret, recent queen of the berry fair, are members of the clan.

Mrs. Ed Paine and Mrs. John McKnight were hostesses Tuesday to Chapter V, P. E. O. at Mrs. Paine's home. The 1 o'clock luncheon was followed by an interesting paper on "American Sculpture" written by Mrs. Katherine Reid and read by Mrs. E. L. Clark.

Shower Stated Friday Mrs. Carol Winer will entertain Friday night with a shower as a compliment to her niece Miss Frances Harrison, teacher at Denney school, whose marriage to John Calahan of Sweet Home will be an event of Sunday, June 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chapman, former Lebanon residents, stopped last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Horner as they were driving through from Madison, Kans., to visit Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bugbee of Eugene.

Barrelling Berries

The Spencer Packing company has been barrelling berries the week end, and it is the fruit of good quality; but is unable to state how long the plant will be in operation or how large the pack may be as the development of the fruit is dependent on the weather.

Garden Ramble Is Planned for Club

SALEM HEIGHTS, June 8.—The Little Garden club met at the home of Mrs. Myron Van Eaton Thursday afternoon. A noon picnic dinner was served. Mrs. Van Eaton's roses and perennials were blooming at their best.

Radio Programs

- 8:00—Financial, 8:15—Homespun, 8:30—Dr. Bruck's broadcasts, 9:00—Home institute, 9:15—Neighbor Nell, drama, 9:30—Federal Reserve Women's club, 10:02—Crossroads, varied, 10:30—Tournament of Roses band, 11:00—News, 11:30—Western farm and home, 12:30—Mrs. W. F. B. special visitor, 12:50—Club matinee, variety, 1:00—Mary Maria, drama, 1:15—Tabernacle singing evangelists, 1:45—Meet the orchestra, 2:00—Kegon orch., 2:15—American Medical association, 2:30—Charles Sears, sing, 2:40—Summer melodies, 2:50—Apprentice trip, Tom Quedorff, 3:15—Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, talk, 3:30—Crest, musicals, 4:00—Midweek musicale, 5:00—News, 5:20—News, Black and string symphony, 6:00—Speaking of sports, 6:15—The Best of East, sing, 6:30—Benson concert, 7:00—Claremont inn orch., 7:15—Arm and Abner, comedy, 8:00—News, 8:15—News orch., 8:30—Baseball, Portland-Seattle, 10:30—College Inn orch. 11—News, 11:15—Coronation ceremony, 12:00—Weather and police reports.
- KOAC—WEDNESDAY—550 Kc. 9:00—Today's programs, 9:30—Homemakers' hour, 10:00—Weather forecast, 10:30—Story hour for adults, 11:15—News and Affairs, 12:00—News, 12:15—Farm hour, 12:30—Variety, 2:00—4-H club assembly, 3:00—Homemakers' half hour, "Food for the Future," East, 4:00—West, O.S.C., 4:30—Stories for boys and girls, 5:15—News, 6:30—Farm hour, 7:45—Municipal affairs, "Cities Entitled to the Best," East, 8:00—Management of City Property, O. H. Langlot, police judge, 8:15—Writer's camp.
- Governor Praises Service of Boyer Governor Charles H. Martin expressed keen regret Tuesday when he learned that Dr. Clarence V. Boyer, president of the University of Oregon, had filed his resignation, with the state board of higher education.

Begert-Gabbert Vows Are Taken

Groom Is Teacher at Dallas Where Couple to Make Home This Fall

DALLAS, June 8.—A wedding of interest to Dallas people took place Monday afternoon at Forest Grove when Mattida Begert of Canton became the bride of Donald Gabbert of Dallas.

The wedding took place in the First Congregational church at Forest Grove at 3 o'clock with the Rev. J. Butler officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a beautiful white satin gown made on princess lines with a long train. She wore a long tulle veil fashioned coronet style. Her bouquet was a shower of white roses and bouvardia.

Miss Rosa Begert, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. J. William Gabbert, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and ushers were Joe Davis of Dallas, and John Patterson of Gaston.

Closing Exercise Held at Heights

ORCHARD HEIGHTS, June 8.—Milton Southwick, only eighth grade graduate of the Popcorn school, received his diploma from Roy McDowell, chairman of the school board. Awards in spelling were presented to Helen Withers, Richard Dora, Violet Richards, Ross McDowell, Ruth Wilson, Fern Wilson and Clifford Sexton. Helen Withers and Ross McDowell were neither absent nor tardy for consecutive years.

Mrs. Sena Madson Dies; Rites Today

SILVERTON, June 8.—Mrs. Sena Madson, 74, died Monday night at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbs in the Bethany district.

Bible School May Be Brought Here

Rev. Guy L. Drill, pastor of the First Christian church, announced Monday that plans were being considered to move the North-western Bible school from Eugene to Salem, to locate it in the old high school building.

Grangers' News

VICTOR POINT, June 8.—Mrs. Phillip Fischer and Mrs. Marion Fischer will entertain the Union Hill Home Economics club Wednesday afternoon at the Phillip Fischer home. Mrs. J. C. Downing is president of the club.