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## Worship in the Ancient Form.

By the merest accident I was riding past the railroad depot at Salem on the evening of Oct. 5th and noticed many Indians coming from their camping grounds East of the depot. At first I thought it might be that one of their numbers had died, but observation soon dispelled that idea and my curiosity was aroused to learn what was going on. Men, women and children were coming from various directions; falling into line they took a course from the city, at a slow pace and in perfect silence. Riding up to the rear of the procession I asked an Indian man of my acquaintance what was going on? He said in a low voice that he did not quite understand; strange people had come among them. I pressed forward and asked another who was carrying a bucket of water, who said he did not know but "may-be it would be like swampmeeting." Reaching the head of the column, composed of the older men, I put the same question to another Indian to receive another indefinite answer, all speaking in the same subdued tone. Being assured that there was no objection to my seeing what they would do, I accompanied them by a narrow path, into a thicket, where the course entered single file. The path led past two tents, into an open, circular space, that had been cleared for the occasion. The men and boys ranged themselves around the South side, the women on the North, seeking themselves, and the men and boys reverently uncovered their heads, excepting three or four young hoodlums who kept outside and occasionally made jeering remarks in an undertone, because as I afterwards learned, they did not believe in the rites about to be practiced.

I became satisfied that I was about to witness devotional exercises in the old Indian form of worship. I questioned George, the last man of the Chemeketas, who once owned the site of Salem, and he assured me that my presence was not offensive. The inner circle was complete and a second had formed outside of it, when a middle aged man of robust form and strongly marked features passed out of a tent near by, bearing blankets that he spread down on the west side of the circle, inside, returning to come again with another man and two women. These women were painted with white marks down each cheek, edged with stripes of red. The man first mentioned had some red on his face, but the second had no paint, and his countenance, strong in its outlines, was sedate even to melancholy. Moving deliberately and without a word spoken, he shook hands with every adult person in the circle before seating himself on the blankets.

He was evidently the priest, preacher or teacher. He asked Jo Hutchins, head man of the North Sautlums, to take a seat inside the circle. Joe's wife, of the chiefain line of the Melallas, and the last of that line, was seated on the left of her husband and the strangers, at the head of the female portion of the assemblage.

The exercises commenced by the strangers lighting the calumet and passing it amongst the men. Then the priest commenced a series of questions in the Klamath language which were answered by Mrs. Jo Hutchins in the Chinook idiom. My knowledge of the Chinook wa-wa has grown rusty by disuse, but I have since learned that I was right in my idea of the questions and answers. One question was: "Do you remember when all this country belonged to your people?" The answer was in the affirmative. "Do you remember when your people were many in numbers; when you had many young men and many old men?" Do you remember when many of your people died? Did your heart sorrow for the death of your people? These questions evidently had allusion to the terrible "cold sick" that swept such numbers of the Indians off. In former conversations George has told me that when a boy he was at the falls of the Willamette during the prevalence of the cold sickness; that the sick were so numerous that many would jump from the sweat houses into the river, die in the water and float away down stream, no attempt being made to take them out for burial. It scarcely needed my knowledge of Chinook to understand the nature of the reply, so full of pathos was tone of the answer. She spoke in particular of the death of a little boy as making her heart very sad. Being asked some questions about the sale of their lands by her people, she expressed an enduring love for her native land and an abiding sorrow that it had been parted with, but expressed herself free from malice or hate on that account. She was submissive but sorrowful. These questions seemed intended to revive the love of country, people and farms, conditions in the hearts of the

audience, and so make the coming form of worship more effective and impressive. The stranger then commenced a recital of traditional history, which was interpreted by the woman to her own people in her language (not the Chinook) and for nearly two hours he talked to them in that manner, then the pipe was again lit and passed around. The other stranger now took the lead commencing a song in which the Indians all joined, the two stranger women placing themselves behind the two men. Eight pieces were thus sung, each to a different measure. Time was kept by striking hands; some of the women swayed the body in unison with the music. Then a stranger delivered a short exhortation and was followed by Jo Hutchins in a similar strain and at greater length. The company up to this time had been seated, except one whose duty it was to feed the fire in the circle. They now arose to their feet, the drum was struck at intervals of about a minute, the people uttering a low sound after each stroke. After some time so spent, some of the Salem Indians commenced to sing, the women beat time, and the circle joined hands and swayed first to the right and then to the left, first partially and then entirely around the circle and back again. When the dance commenced many of the women adorned themselves with head dresses of painted feathers and some of the eldest entered into the spirit of the exercises with great enthusiasm, as if animated by recollection of other days. They preserved through all a solemnity of demeanor equaling that of Christians at their devotions. About one hundred persons participated and the exercises continued for about five hours, all was conducted "decently and in order" without indecorous act or sign of impatience. This was the first of a series of seven meetings held here by those people during the week of the State Fair, during which time these two men of the Klamath tribe, preachers of the ancient Indian form of worship (as I have since learned from Jo Hutchins, they were) did their best. I have no doubt to convince their hearers that God's revelations to man were not all made through books, as the white man believes, but that in times past the Great Spirit made himself manifest to old men of their race by natural objects and by dreams, when they saw "Tamanamas," which I understand to mean spirits or angels. JOHN MINTO.

## PIONEERS ASSOCIATION.

BUTTEVILLE, Nov. 2, 1874.  
MR. EDITOR: By order of the President of the Oregon Pioneers' Association, the Board of Directors will meet at Aurora, Marion county, on Thursday, the 3d day of December ensuing, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of designating the place of holding their next Annual Reunion of Oregon Pioneers. The Board having heretofore determined on selecting a point on the Oregon and California Railroad, not further north than the city of Portland, nor south of Salem, whose citizens will offer the Directors the most favorable terms for the accommodation of the Association, the point will be selected for its next annual meeting, which will take place June 15, 1875.

John W. Grim, President, and Eli C. Cooley, Vice President of the Association, are ex-officio members, and conjointly with Hon. John B. McClain, Joseph Watt and W. J. Herren, form the Board of Directors for the year ending June 15, 1875. The Constitution of the Association, as amended, will be published in pamphlet form, to which will be annexed a short compend of statistical information relating to the organization, and placed in the hands of the Directors at their ensuing meeting for distribution. JOHN W. GRIM, President. W. H. REES, Secretary.

## CANAL AT THE CASCADES.

Articles of Incorporation Filed with the Secretary of State.—The Columbia River Improvement Company.

Articles of Incorporation were filed this morning with Hon. S. F. Chadwick for the Columbia River Improvement Company. ARTICLE 1. Gives the names of the Incorporators, U. B. Scott, Augustus C. Kinney, L. B. Seely and J. E. Atwater. ART. 2. Duration of Incorporation fixed at 99 years. ART. 3. States purpose of Incorporation to build canal and lock with necessary buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, on the Oregon side of the Cascade falls, in the Columbia river. And also states how the business of transporting freight, passengers and water craft through the canal will be carried on when completed. ART. 4. Fixes the terminal points above and below the falls. ART. 5. Locates the principal office at Portland. ART. 6. Places the amount of capital stock at \$250,000. Shares \$100.

WEATHER RECORD.—Mr. Thomas Pearce of Eola furnishes the following weather record for October, from which we compile the following: During the month there were only two days that we had light showers, on the 11th and 24th. The rain-fall was 30 inches. Nineteen days the prevailing winds were from the north, the balance of the month being from the south and south-west. First frost occurred on the 19th. There were 17 clear, 11 cloudy and 2 rainy days. The mean temperature ranged from 60° on the 8th to 48° on the 29th, averaging 57°. September, 1873, gave 4 rainy days and 2 1/2 inches water; 23 clear and 4 cloudy days. Mean temperature of October, 1873, 48°.

## COUNTY COURT.

J. C. Peck, Judge.

MONDAY, Nov. 2, 1874.  
B. F. Brown vs. Wells, Fargo & Co.; civil action to recover money for balance of salary due, Knight & Lord for plaintiff and E. Cronin for Wells, Fargo & Co. Cause called. Defendants filed a plea in abatement. Argued and plea disallowed. Ordered that plaintiff have judgment for the sum of \$93.63 in U. S. gold coin, with interest from August 6th, 1874, with costs and disbursements. Welch and Thompson, vs. David Smith; action at law; judgment for the plaintiff by default.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Cox, Sr.; application for sale of personal property; notice of publication filed. Ordered that guardian sell the property named in the petition at public or private sale, and report his action to this Court. In the matter of the estate of John Patterson, deceased; application for appointment of Administrator. Ordered that J. M. Patterson be appointed Administrator and that he file a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars; ordered that W. R. Stewart and J. M. Martin be appointed appraisers of the estate.

In the matter of the estate of the minor heirs of Mr. Lerwill, deceased. Confirmation of sale of real estate of said minors, by guardian ordered.

TUESDAY, Nov. 3.  
S. B. Blanchard vs. Beaver Hosiery Manufacturing Company; judgment rendered by default for plaintiff, in the sum of \$118.50, interest, cost and disbursements.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Rosier, deceased; Will proven and admitted to probate, and Peter Rosier, Jr., appointed administrator, and H. H. Ringo, M. A. Wade and Francis Manning, appraisers. Estate of Joseph Watt, deceased; Annual account of administrator received, examined and ordered placed on file. In the matter of the guardianship of Alice and J. E. G. Malone, minors; W. B. Magers, late guardian, having presented receipts and acquittances, was duly discharged by order of the Court, and he and his bondsmen released from further responsibilities.

In the matter of the estate of Shannon Myers, deceased; Hearing of application for final settlement of administrator continued until Monday, Dec. 7, 1874, at 4 o'clock P. M.

SAM. L. SIMPSON.—We concur with the Roseburg Plaindealer in the remark that Sam L. Simpson is "the most brilliant literary genius in Oregon." Those who have read his "Fate of Mississipp," "Ad Willamette," and "Lost Cabin," if they are fair minded and not "envious" will acknowledge as much. The "Fate of Mississipp" will lose nothing when read alongside of Bretz Hart's or John Hay's productions, and the weird story of the "Lost Cabin" reminds the reader of Edgar A. Poe's "Gold Bug," and kindred stories. The only trouble with Mr. Simpson's productions they are "too few and far apart."

NARROW ESCAPE.—Last Saturday evening the premises of Messrs. McCord and Smith, at Independence, took fire from coals in the ashes that were carelessly thrown in the yard at the rear of their store. The fire however was discovered in time to prevent serious damage. A few moments later and not only the store but several adjacent warehouses containing upwards of 150,000 bushels of grain, in all probability would have been burned. That firm we now understand are now depositing their ashes in the Willamette.

QUICK WORK.—A young man, by name Malachi Baughman, got into an affray at Kerbyville, one week ago to-day, and in the fracas got a person. He was arrested, the grand jury was in session and he was indicted. The day following he was tried and found guilty and last night he was brought down by Sheriff D. F. Green, of Josephine county, to serve out a sentence of one year in the Penitentiary. All the above transpired in less than one week.

NEW STORE.—Mr. Hauptret the senior member in the recent Aurora Hotel firm, has purchased the store of Mr. D. P. Morris, at Sublimity, and is to-day moving to his new location. The people of that locality will find Mr. Hauptret a thorough gentleman, a good business man, and a valuable acquisition to their little town.

TO SCHOOL TEACHERS.—We ask the school teachers of Marion county to send us short items in regard to the progress, needs and results of their schools. Such items are read by the people, and a livelier interest in the work done by teachers is thus created. The education of the children is the gr at question. Let us press its importance at every point.

TWICE IN ONE YEAR.—Mr. Joseph Holman, on Court street, has a Bartlett pear tree that bore its fruit in the usual season, and then blossomed again and now has a number of pears on nearly ready for use. How is that for Oregon?

MARRIED.—At the residence of Mr. C. M. Cartwright, in this city, October 31st, by Rev. P. M. Starr, Mr. Alfred McCully to Miss Violet Geer, all of Salem, Oregon.

DIED.—In this city, Tuesday November 5th, 1874, of typhoid fever, James, son of S. C. Mathison, aged 7 years.

## HOME MANUFACTURING CO.

Below we publish a notice asking for sealed proposals of donations to induce the Home Manufacturing Company to locate their shops at such a point as will give the "greatest sum in value in dollars and cents or in reality."

This Company is fully organized, with all or nearly of its capital stock taken by farmers and mechanics of this and adjacent countries—and they mean business.

This Company in the manufacturing of wagons and agricultural implements will in all probability be in a few years to Oregon and the North-west coast what the "Studebaker Company" is to Michigan and the Western States.

We give the

NOTICE.  
By a resolution adopted by the stockholders of the Home Manufacturing Company, at a meeting held by them in Salem, Oregon, Oct. 12th, 1874. It was ordered that the Directors of said Corporation give notice to the citizens of Salem, Albany and other points interested, that they would receive propositions in the way of donations and contributions to said Manufacturing Company to induce said Company to locate their manufacturing shops at such point or place as will give the greatest sum in value in dollars and cents, or in reality. Now it is therefore ordered by the Directors that the Secretary of the Company be authorized to receive sealed proposals of donations to said Company from this date till 2 o'clock P. M., December 2d, 1874. At which time the Directors will open and examine said propositions.

CHAS. W. BOWIS, President. A. W. STANARD, Secretary.

## Dallas City Election.

The first "city" election took place in Dallas yesterday. The vote for Incorporation stood 58 for; 18 against. The following officers were elected: President—B. F. Nichols. Trustees—W. W. Conkey, T. J. Lovelady, J. G. Bolter. Recorder—L. Vineyard. Marshal—T. M. Thompson.

LODGE REORGANIZED.—G. W. C. T., W. R. Dunbar; reorganized Looking Glass Lodge No. 198, in Douglas county, on the evening of October 31st. The following are the officers installed: L. Buell, W. C. T.; Ione Cranfill, W. V. T.; J. H. Williams, W. S.; J. A. Coston, W. C.; Milton Waters, W. F. S.; Mary Buell, W. T.; Orson Buell, W. M.; Mary Harton, W. I. G.; J. West W. O. G.; John Horton, P. W. C. T.; A. A. Mathews, L. D. Mr. Dunbar writes a note accompanying the above, and says the nights in the vicinity of Looking Glass are very cold, while the days are nice and warm.

WANTS INFORMATION.—Mr. George Nicholas, writing for sample copies of the WILLAMETTE FARMER, from Bull's City, Osborne county, Kansas, says: "My object is to get information of Oregon and Idaho in regard to settlement, advantages and disadvantages, for farming, stock raising, etc." He also adds, "The crops in these parts are almost a total failure, owing to the grasshopper raid. The potatoes are damaged very much by the ash-colored bug. Summer was rather dry but we had a favorable fall, but the people in this vicinity are getting rather discouraged and are anxious to get to a more favored land."

HAIR OIL.—It is not generally known that Messrs. Cox & Belt are extensively engaged in the manufacture of hair oil. Such is the case and they have inaugurated quite a trade, both retail and wholesale. In their mixture they do not use either alcohol or castor oil or any ingredient that injures the scalp or gums the hair. Persons who "ble" their "hair" are invited to test their preparation.

GREAT GOODNESS.—We clip the following interesting "whopper" from the New York Sun of a late date: "A farmer in Oregon has had a field of sixty acres of grain eaten by rabbits, and all of his other fields have suffered, although to a less extent, from their depredations. Hundreds are shot every day, but hundreds more come out from the sage brush and take their places."

DAW'S WHEAT CLEANER.—Mr. Daw, of Corvallis, will soon commence the manufacture of his premium wheat cleaner in this city by Wm. Leavitt. He lately received one order for ten machines and they promise to be very popular, and will be needed as seeding time approaches. The capacity of them is 100 bushels to the man employed.

ODD FELLOWS' CEMETERY.—There were six burials in Odd Fellows' Cemetery during the month of October, 1874, as follows: Two males and two females, who departed this life during the month, and two interments—one person from California and a child from North Salem.

The thermometer at Weatherford & Co., stood Nov. 31 at 7 A. M., 48°. 12 M., 53°. 6 P. M., 52°.

## STATE NEWS.

On Saturday, the 23d ult., snow fell in the Blue mountains, and in close proximity to the foothills, to the depth of one foot.

There are 33 candidates for Mayor in Baker City. Half a dozen more citizens would be eligible if the women could hold office there. Farmers in the interior are complaining on account of "much dryness." Old timers hereabouts make the same complaint in their interiors.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Oscar Clark, for incest, was tried at Pendleton last week, and the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Some of the pleasure seeking youths of Pendleton are now engaged in trying to organize an amateur theatrical troupe, that they may "while away" the long winter evenings which are fast approaching.

The case of John Richardson vs. J. F. and H. C. Adams, for \$10,000 damages, was taken up at the commencement of Court at Pendleton last week, and after hearing both sides of the question it was decided in favor of Richardson, and he was allowed \$225 damages instead of \$10,000.

The citizens of Ashland are to vote on the incorporation question in a few days. Those favoring incorporation have put out the following ticket: Trustees, Isaac Miller, Jacob Wagner, H. C. Hill, P. W. Ewing and J. R. Tozer; Recorder, C. K. Klum; Marshal, W. C. Daily; Treasurer, J. M. McCall.

The Herald says an immense bed of gypsum has been found in Rye Valley, Baker county.

Corvallis has a man who wants to invest \$7,000 permanently. Let him start a newspaper.

The remains of Phil Sheridan's old ambulance are to be seen by the side of Teal's wagon shop at Dallas.

Seven divorce cases are to be tried at the term of the Circuit Court at Eugene City being held this week.

Snow covered the ground at Baker City on the 25th ult., and ice formed an eighth of an inch in thickness.

Mr. M. W. Fiske, of Grant county, sold his stallion, Blue Mountain Boy, that he had on exhibition at the late State Fair, to a Mr. Walker, of Oregon City, for the sum of \$600.

It is reported that Hon. M. Wilkins, President of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, intends to visit the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876, to represent the Society there.

The Coos Bay News learns that the two little steam schooners Cordelia and Twin Sisters have been lying at anchor in the Coquille river for twenty days, awaiting an opportunity to cross the bar.

From Mr. J. W. Casick, who lives on Chery creek in Wasco county, the Mountain News learns by letter, that stock of all kinds are doing finely, the grass has started growing and never was better at this season of the year.

Ex-Mayor Harris was knocked down by a cart at Victoria, last week, and sustained a fracture of the small bone of the right leg.

The steamer Los Angeles took to San Francisco from Victoria last week the following amounts: Bank British North America, \$60,234; Bank British Columbia, \$56,049; F. Garcesche, \$14,670. In all, \$131,744.

The contract for building the penitentiary at New Westminster has been let to Kinsman & Styles of Victoria, with whom are associated Muirhead & Mann, carpenters; A. & W. Wilson, plumbers; and Conn. Mitchell, painter. The contract price is \$139,305. Work will be commenced as soon as possible.

Starr Bros. of the Puget Sound Mail Steamship line have leased that portion of the water front extending from Broderick's wharf to the Hudson Bay Co.'s wharf at Victoria, for a term of ten years, and will immediately proceed to the construction of a first-class wharf for the use of their steamers and shipping.

The farmers on Fifteen Mile creek, Wasco county, are requested to meet at Beesley's school house, on Saturday, the 17th of November, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a joint stock company to build and operate a grist mill.

There has not been a marriage in Baker county for three months.

Mr. Christian K. Ross, father of the abducted child, Charley Ross, is reported to be in a sinking condition. It is said that for several days past his reason has been growing fainter.

Prince Louis Napoleon will complete his studies at Woolwich Academy in February next. The Prince Imperial has not yet decided upon the course he will take upon leaving the institution.

Theodore Tilton has written to his agents to cancel all his engagements until after January 1st. He is interested as principal witness in ten Court cases, and is with his counsel day and night.

A further report from Guatemala says the severe earthquake of September 3d caused the river Peten to overflow, which puts a stop to the running of the flour mills, thereby causing a great scarcity of flour.

The hundredth anniversary of the burning of the Peggy Stewart and her cargo of taxed tea was celebrated in grand style at Annapolis, Md., yesterday.

Dispatches from Egypt says that the cotton crop, which is scarce, has suffered but little from the late overflows of the Nile.

The receipts of foreign and domestic wool at the port of New York are nearly 19,000 bales less this year to date than last.

Carl Mayer had the honor of being reported de-generously ill in London.