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Death in the Yosemite Valley.

We take the following interesting letter from the Sacramento Union of late date. Mr. Lamon was here a few months since, visiting his relative, the families of our fellow-citizens J. H. and I. R. Moores. The letter is written by a talented lady at present visiting the Yosemite Valley:

Yosemite, May 24, 1874.

A PIONEER'S DEATH.

J. C. Lamon died at his residence in Yosemite Valley on Saturday, May 22d, aged 58. He was a native of Virginia, and came to California in 1849, where he has indomitably battled for progress—a man of industry, integrity and strength of purpose. He and Hutchings were the original pre-emptors of land in the valley—since made famous as the Hutchings and Lamon claims. He was one of the most interesting historical characters of the place. He settled here sixteen years ago, and has even wintered here ten times; and once (winter of 1862-'63) all alone, not speaking to a human being for months. As the season was closing what was his astonishment on suddenly beholding two men approach his lonely cabin. Their mission was soon told.

An Indian outside had been found in possession of a gold watch. It was at once believed that Mr. Lamon had been murdered by the savages and his watch stolen. So from Mariposa these two men had been dispatched with orders to, if possible, enter the valley and ascertain the facts.

The beauty of his wonderful home is world-famous. Glacial Rock rises 2,300 feet as a southern boundary, the North Dome, nearly 4,000 feet, as the northern, the sun rising over the South Dome of 6,000 feet to shine upon it, while the Merced river, that has dropped nearly 3,000 feet from the outer world, winds about his picturesque grounds.

THE SUMMER CABIN.

Is of rough logs, dirt floor and no windows, and contains a granite fire place, a cot, table, cupboard, bearskin, etc. Here he would hospitably entertain his guests, repeat the Indian legends and narrate his brilliant experiences of pioneering through the snow-fields of the Sierras, encounters with grizzlies and the dismal winter, with no voice more friendly than the thundering of the falling precipices, the tumbling of ice-boulders, the plunging and roar of the mighty waters, the crash of timber and the coming of the storm through the gateway of the valley.

One of the finest orchards and berry-patches in the world is very near this cabin, planted and carefully kept by himself. Whether all abloom and glowing like a great bouquet as you look down from the peaks, or drooping with the most luscious fruit as you walk through its paths, it will ever speak of the enterprise, taste and patience of its proprietor. His winter home, over the magnificent river, where the sunlight gilds it for a few hours of the day, leaving the other in shade and gloom, is charmingly situated in a lovely grove, where the wild rose perfumes the air and the falling waters come in lulling cadences to the ear. Beyond this, up the canyon, is Mirror Lake. His heart was full of love for his fellow-man and love for his romantic home. When his spirit, that had lived so near us, God, passed away, we to whom he had long been endeared said: "Bury him in the valley of his choice, that his energy has helped to open to the world." We went to him; he knew us and talked pleasantly as he lay dying. Brave and hopeful in all the trials of life, bravely and trustingly he awaited the end.

IT WAS A FITTING DAY,

And time and place for his burial—the Sabbath. The valley like a great cathedral, the azure heavens its roof, the rocks, green turf, silvery streams and pine cones its floor of mosaics; the colossal trees its pillars, the mighty falls the ceaseless organ tones, the hymns through the pines the choral voices. We went up the river banks and culled a basket full of sweet, white salal and madia wreath and a cross to place on the coffin. It was an imposing scene—a procession of over a hundred people, gathered from all lands, winding up to the new-made grave under the oak by the shining wall. The sun dropped near the cliff, and cast a long shadow down the Glacial Rock and over his old home, like a spirit of sadness, as we moved from the door. Cloud's Rest and Mount Starr King with their crowns of snow, and the South Dome with bengniant, priestly face, and the gray old Sentinel, looked down as if with some purpose of sympathy and sorrow at the loss of a friend who had so long and so lovingly held communion with them.

RESTING BY THE GREAT FALL.

Two clergymen read the beautiful service he was laid to rest. The great fall now lay in deep shadow, as if putting on mourning, and intonated with grand and touching voice.

Shelley may have climbed up the side of the Alps and written himself an atheist; but to us, on the Yosemite walls, was written the autograph of the Most High; and surely any soul before dead to the majesty of His greatness and love, was at this impressive hour loosed from the fetters of darkness and forced to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!"

RIDINGHOOD.

SURVEYING THE RIVER OBSTRUCTIONS.—The Bulletin says Gen. Michler, of the Engineer Corps, started upon a tour on the Upper Willamette yesterday morning. His visit will be extended through probably the greater portion of the week. His observations will be of much interest as they will embrace recommendations towards the application of the Willamette Apparition Bill.

Deeds to State Lands.

We learn from Col. T. H. Cann, Agent of State Land Commissioners, that the following deeds have been issued by the Board:

John Mesick n e quar sec 36, t 2 s, r 1 w, 160 acres; Washington county.

Thomas Judkin n half a e quar sec 30, t 18 s, r 4 w, 480 acres; Lane county.

J R Harvey n w quar sec 36, t 2 s, r 1 w, 40 acres; Polk county.

S Frohman n w quar sec 36, t 2 s, r 1 w, 16 acres; Washington county.

J A Haines, 301 80 acres; Curry county.

H H Luse 6.75 acres in Coos county tide lands; Coos county.

Thomas Coats 89 acres s half s e quar sec 30, t 28 s, r 7 w; Douglas county.

Stephen Stukel and A H Miller 280 acres; Linn county.

Peter J Wiser, lot 2, sec 11, t 3 s, r 4 w, 25 acres; Yamhill county.

J C Laskey 40 acres University land, s e quar of n e quar sec 1, t 10 s, r 4 w; Linn county.

Agnatz Frohman w half s w quar sec 36, t 2 s, r 1 w, 80 acres; Washington county.

Daniel Bringle e half n e quar sec 16, t 13 s, r 3 w, 80 acres; Linn county.

J C Landingham s w quar of s w quar sec 22, t 4 s, r 5 w, 40 acres; Yamhill county.

A J Richardson, lots 2, 3 and 4, sec 6, t 13 s, r 2 w, 82.64 acres; Linn county.

Daniel Bringle, e half s e quar, sec 16, t 13 s, r 3 w, 80 acres; Linn county.

Geo W Covey 80 acres, sec 16, t 2 s, r 13 e; Wasco county.

E W Sprague 51.100 acres, tide lands in Coos county, sec 26, t 25 s, r 13 w.

Daniel Bringle w half n e quar, sec 16, t 13 s, r 3 w, 80 acres; Linn county.

B B Jones, 18.26 acres tide lands on Isthmus Slough; Coos county.

A Wolf e half s w quar, of s e quar, sec 16, t 9 s, r 4 w, 20 acres; Polk county.

Return of Meacham's Indians.

Those who were interested in the Modoc war—and their numbers were many—will be interested in the following account of the return of some rare specimens of that tribe, who were taken East by Indian Agent Meacham. We quote from the Yreka Journal of June 2d:

Our readers will remember Meacham's visit here some months ago, to procure representatives of different Indian tribes in this vicinity and Oregon, from which he selected Harney and wife, of the Rogue River; Dave Hill and Tecumseh, of the Klamaths; and Toby Riddle, of the Modocs, with her white husband, Frank Riddle. On his way East he failed to secure a representative of the Piutes in Nevada, but obtained two of the Modocs at Indian Territory, as well as other Indians. At night the rainfall was 58° 57', the maximum 70° while April was 89°, the minimum 31°, the 26th and 27th showing sharp frosts in some localities, and near town, south, garden vegetables were bitten quite close to the ground. I am told that in the Ochoco country 100 and 125 miles south of this locality, the cold was so severe, on the date above, that all kinds of vegetation was nearly killed. The cereal crops was badly injured.

There was 10 cloudy, 4 rainy, 8 fair and 9 clear days. The winds, excepting 2 days have been from the west, those were from the east and south-east.

We have had .81 of rainfall in the month, distributed as follows: On the 4th rain fell in light showers all the afternoon measuring .06 inches; 5th was shower all day, marking .9 inches; on the 6th and 7th a light sprinkle fell, insufficient to measure in the gauge. At night on the 7th the rainfall was 14 and sprinkled several times during the following day. On the 9th the rainfall was at noon measuring .15 and at night again marking .11. On the 14th it rained nearly all day in a fine sprinkle measuring .18; again on the 17th we had a very light shower, measuring .02, again on the 20th there was a fall measuring .05. The days and nights were quite cool from this date until the 29th when a change was manifested in a little shower, measuring .01 of an inch, since then weather has assumed a summer warmth.

FILED.—Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Quartz Mill and Mining Company were filed to-day. Incorporators: L. P. W. Quimby, J. B. Roberts, Jno. B. Pilkington and H. H. Northrup. Object—to carry on mining, locating, purchasing, holding, working and vending quartz and gravel mines, mills and mill sites and ore mines. Capital stock, \$600,000, in ten dollar shares. Principal place of business Portland.

EARLY ROSE POTATOES.—Mr. Joseph Hoyt has one of the best gardens to be found anywhere and has great success in raising early vegetables. We are under obligations to him for our first mess of spring potatoes, as he brings us a fine mess of the Early Rose variety, of beautiful size.

PRISONERS ARRIVED.—Jay Tuttle, Sheriff of Coos county, on yesterday delivered at the Penitentiary, Prince Albert Johnson, who was convicted of larceny. He was sentenced to 1 year's hard labor.

Mr. Albert Wilson has received word that his father, W. R. Wilson, of Tillamook, had cut his foot severely while chopping wood, he will be laid up about two months with it.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday, June 8th, at the Commercial Hotel, Salem, by Rev. J. H. Babcock, John W. Trullinger and Emma L. Johnson, all of Stayton, Marion county.

Mr. J. A. Hoffman lately found a twelve pound Gardner shackle, the Superintendent of the Penitentiary recognized it as the one that Shultz had on when he escaped in 1871.

FROM WASCO.

DALLES, June 5, 1875.

MR. EDITOR: Since I wrote you last the Baptist congregation have built themselves a fine church and I understand will dedicate it on the 27th inst., at which time the Baptist association assemble in this city. The Episcopals are busily engaged in building an edifice for a worshiping place, which, when done will make five places for public worship in The Dalles, whose population is only about 1,000 souls, who can say that its good citizens are not interested in "Holy things as becomes an enlightened people."

Our stock raisers are very active in looking after their herds and dispose of their most choice beasts at prices varying from 3 to 3½ cents per pound net. I learn there has been weighed and sold from Hood's stable and stock yards 400 head during the month, how many from other yards I could not ascertain, but presume as many more.

The mutton market is very quiet, the demand for sheep for mutton is governed by the supply needed on the Sound ports and Victoria, consequently our surplus mutton market is regulated by the foreign markets.

I understand that the wool producers are determined to compel speculators to pay them living prices for their wools this season, or they will hold it in store—how this will work is a question of time. The clip this side of the mountains will be much increased this season, not only in quantity but quality. As a general thing all kinds of stock are in splendid condition, which seems to encourage the stockmen.

WEATHER REPORT

In latitude 45° 41', longitude 122, for the month of May, 1875; the month just past has been one of unusually cold and blustery, the mean temperature being only 50° 9', while that of April was 58° 57', the maximum 70° while April was 89°, the minimum 31°, the 26th and 27th showing sharp frosts in some localities, and near town, south, garden vegetables were bitten quite close to the ground. I am told that in the Ochoco country 100 and 125 miles south of this locality, the cold was so severe, on the date above, that all kinds of vegetation was nearly killed. The cereal crops was badly injured.

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PETITION FOR CHANGE IN ROAD.—In the matter of an application for a bridge across Pudding River, on road from Egans mill to Gervais at a point as Shirt's mill (late Engles); Ordered, that Joseph Engle be appointed a commissioner to superintend the letting of contract, building and receiving of said bridge and that he report a plan and probable cost, and submit the same for approval of the court at the July term before letting said contract.

Petition for change in road from Egans mill to Woodburn: Ordered, that J. W. Thorubury, L. H. Poujade, A. C. Keene be appointed viewers and S. D. Snowdon surveyor, to meet at Belpass, Friday, June 25, 1875, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Petition of S. W. R. Jones and others for change in road from Parkerville to Matheny Ferry, from the O. C. Railroad to the river;

Ordered, that W. H. Rhine, A. Esson and Wm. Cline be appointed viewers and John Newsome surveyor, to meet at S. W. R. Jones' on Friday, June 25, 1875, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Report of viewers on change of county road leading from Sublimity to Salem near Richard Careys read first time in open Court.

Report of viewers appointed to locate a county road near Turner's Station. Report read a first time in open court. No objections filed.

Licenses granted Preston Hamilton to sell spirituous liquors in less quantities than one quart in the town of Marion.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—In the San Francisco Chronicle of the 4th inst., we find a long account of an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide, made by a Mrs. Chaney. She first swallowed a dose of laudanum, and afterwards shot herself with a pistol. Both times she failed to destroy herself. The lady is the wife of one Prof. W. H. Chaney, who formerly resided in Portland, and lectured frequently on the subjects of spiritualism and astrology. Domestic infidelity is the alleged cause of the suicidal attempt.

RE-COMMISSIONED.—The Governor yesterday re-commissioned Mr. J. H. Alber, of Salem, Oregon, a Notary Public.

The Salem Turn Verein Society will attend the coming Fourth of July celebration at Junction.

COUNTY COURT.

June Term—J. C. Peebles, Judge.

MONDAY, June 7.

In the matter of the guardianship of G. H. P. Channess, a minor. Final settlement with said minor presented. Account examined and allowed and the guardian and his sureties discharged from further liability in the premises.

In the matter of the estate of Eliza Whitney, deceased, leave granted to prove will. Will produced, proven in court and admitted to probate. Robert and James Whitney appointed executors, and F. X. Mathien, G. A. Cohen, Jr., and Peter Feller appointed appraisers.

In the matter of the estate of John Albright, deceased. Final account of Jennings Smith, administrator, examined, accepted and allowed, with final settlement with estate. Ordered that the property of said estate, now in the hands of said administrator, be turned over to the heir, and upon his filing receipt therefor, said administrator and his bondsman discharged.

In the matter of the estate of Conrad Werner, deceased. Augusta Werner, administratrix of said estate, filed final account and asked that the same be allowed. Final hearing of the application set for July 10th at 10 o'clock A. M.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth L. Myers, deceased. O. Dickinson, executor, filed inventory and appraisement of said estate and first semi-annual account therewith.

In the matter of the guardianship of Eloora Cox, a minor. S. L. Campbell, guardian of said minor, filed final account, which was allowed and the guardian discharged.

TUESDAY, June 8.

In the matter of the guardianship of Emma Potter, a minor: Mary Potter, guardian, filed final account, which was examined and allowed on final settlement, and the guardian and her sureties discharged from further liability in the premises.

W. R. Davids, administrator of the estate of Thomas Davids, deceased, filed report of sale of personal property belonging to said estate. Report examined and approved by the Court.

Administrator of the estate of Peter Roesser filed first semi-annual account, which was examined and placed on file.

WEDNESDAY, June 9th.

In the matter of an application for a bridge across Pudding River, on road from Egans mill to Gervais at a point as Shirt's mill (late Engles); Ordered, that Joseph Engle be appointed a commissioner to superintend the letting of contract, building and receiving of said bridge and that he report a plan and probable cost, and submit the same for approval of the court at the July term before letting said contract.

H. H. Luse vs. A. M. Foley, involving title to tide lands fronting donation claim of Foley, P. L. Willis for Luse and T. D. Winchester for Foley. The point in this case is that Foley sent his application unsigned, with money to pay for land and necessary certificates. Luse claims that failure to sign invalidates his application. Foley is an old man 80 years old. The evidence was taken and the case is held under advisement, and will probably be decided in