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"Last of the Mohicans."

Quincy was here when the first missionaries reached Salem Prairie, a beautiful place on the banks of the flowing Willamette, that bore the not unpropitious name of "Che-mek-eta, meaning in the aboriginal tongue, "Our Old Home," or "The Place of Rest," so named because it was the home spot, the gathering place and winter camp of the band of Calipooias who occupied the region now known as Mill Creek and Salem Prairies, and the hills and mountains to the eastward, extending from the Santiam to Pudding River.

receiving, no doubt, kind treatment and benefits everywhere, and at one place the remains of a wedding feast were set before him and he made a Christmas dinner such as no one of the old residents of Chemeketa ever made before, and then went home and died. It is pleasant to know that it was not starvation, but a surfeit that ended his days; that he had money in his pocket, provisions in his camp, old breeches under promise, and a good feeling in his heart towards the whites which spilled him, for he was the last man of his tribe, the last one of all the band that welcomed the whites to Chemeketa forty years ago, and deserves, from this fact and his many good qualities, to have pleasant mention, honorable burial, and a stone to mark his grave.

Oregon Flax Appreciated.

Hon. A. J. Dufur, Centennial Commissioner, has received the following letter from the manager of the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia, concerning Oregon flax and the way it is appreciated there, and we publish it with a suggestion made at the request of Mr. Dufur, that Linn County flax growers, and any others interested, shall send to Mr. Duntun boxes of their flax, on which he will pay the expense. The invention of a machine that will accomplish so much is very important to Oregon, and our flax growers will be benefited by it greatly, and they will also derive the greatest possible benefit from having the good qualities of this flax made known at so important a place as the Permanent Exhibition, Mr. Duntun says:

"Your samples of flax, even in the straw, have excited admiration from all discriminating examiners at the Permanent Exhibition. I have at the main building a new and ingenious machine for dressing textiles, and have passed a few of your stalks through it, with telling effects to your credit, your beautiful fibers coming out of the machine a veritable 'Golden Fleece.'"

"I wish to say that I shall gladly set forth daily new samples of your flax if I am supplied with the rotted straw stalks, and if you will send me a bale or two of your long stalks, I will pay the freight on the same and show the dressed flax to the very best advantage."

OFF for Philadelphia.

Hon. A. J. Dufur was in our office last week, and informed us that he was on his way to attend the last meeting of the Centennial Board at Philadelphia, for the purpose of making the final report of the Centennial commissioners. Mr. Dufur says that, as the State has paid him for his past services as commissioner, he chooses to make the final journey at his own expense, that his disinterestedness may not be questioned. We admire his independence, his devotion to Oregon interests, and his pride to have Oregon represented in the closing up of the great Exposition, and we have no doubt he will study everything that can be done for the advantage of our State, as he always has in the past. We wish him a pleasant and successful voyage.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.—The Walla Walla Union, after giving its readers a portion of our article on the "Tree Peddlers," offers the following at their (the peddlers') expense: "Last season a couple or more plausible fellows visited this section, and, to adopt the language of the FARMER, 'carried around subscription books containing splendid pictures of fruits and flowers, promising every one that the fruit should be equal to the pictures selling trees at fabulous prices, and shrubbery and roses with strange names, dazzling the eyes of the people with charms of what they were to enjoy when fruits and flowers should be perfected. They made immense engagements. Farmers ordered from \$5 to \$100 worth of these wonderful things, and some received and planted out their treasures last fall. Roses that bloomed this year, that cost \$5 apiece, proved to be single blossoms, no better than those that grow in the woods, while those that had any excellence were the common varieties found in our own dooryards, and to be had for asking." As these fellows, or some of similar kidney, may visit this country again, it is well for our people to be forewarned and fore-armed."

DIED.—On the 21st December, 1878, Mr. E. Simmons, aged 55 years. Mr. Simmons was a farmer and nurseryman, in the hills, a few miles south of Salem, and had been long and favorably known. His disease was quick consumption. He leaves a wife and a large family of children to mourn his loss.

The well-known and popular seedsmen, Messrs. D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., are again before our readers with their annual announcement. Their catalogue, which is mailed free, is offered to all of our readers. We would advise them to avail themselves of this offer.

The way to reach to a man's heart is to enter to his appetite. A girl who can slay a peano and agitate the atmosphere is a good parlor ornament, but one that can grease a griddle and turn two pancakes at a time is the kind of a female to tie to this time of year.

Death of Irwin Minto.

Since our last our friends Mr. and Mrs. John Minto have followed to the grave the remains of their son, of whose sickness we have lately made mention. He was a likely lad, tall and stalwart, just emerging from youth to manhood, possessed of traits that endeared him to his home and to many friends, with honorable principles and sterling qualities that would have made him valuable to the world in the future if he had lived. Only a few weeks before Irwin was taken seriously ill, he was a pleasant circle gathered around the fire-side in the Minto home; the father was reading aloud his favorite poet—which could be no other than Robert Burns—and explaining the quaint Scotch phraseology to his sons, who sat beside him, listening eagerly to the well-remembered poem. Such a scene showed a sentiment existing between father and family not so often met with as it should be, one too that knit father and sons together by ties of feeling as well as of blood.

Irwin Minto was close to the regions devastated by the Indians last year, taking care of stock, but when others ran away, he remained steadfast, untrifled by danger while treated with the interests of another. Many an older man could have learned fortitude and faithful sense of duty from this boy, who was then only 17 years old. Peace to his ashes.

Edgar Williams & Co's Map of Marion and Linn Counties.

Last week we had the pleasure of looking through the fine Atlas-Map of Marion county, gotten up by the above-named firm. The work is all finished up in the highest style of art. The volume is quite large, and consists of 112 pages. There we see the terms and conditions of many of our most substantial and well-to-do farmers, whose various places show off to advantage. Edgar Williams & Co have spent no pains in getting up this work, and the citizens of Linn and Marion counties should be proud of the work, especially as this is the first one of the kind ever issued in Oregon. Marion and Linn may well be called the "Banner Counties" of Oregon. The work will be ready for delivery next week.

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