

### Early Days on the Coquille

It was on Christmas of 1860, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dement had invited all people of the Coquille valley to have a jolly time at their home. Old Sam, we all knew, was one of those jolly fellows and Mrs. Dement a most hospitable lady and an excellent cook. Sam played the fiddle and you may believe he could play too, he called the figures for the cotillion, and for amusements sake, used some expressions intended to produce merriment. For instance instead of "address your partner," he would say "undress your partner" and other calls which I will not mention, for fear it will make some of your readers ha! ha! too much.

A good number of guests accepted the invitation, dance after dance followed, then came the hour to feast on excellent elk venison, young hog, cakes and pies and many other good things, it makes my mouth water to think about them now.

Dancing began anew and was kept up till day break, laughter and merriment galore. Rain fell during the night in the lower valley, while snow had covered the mountains. I had a call from my old friend Hans, who kept the Elephant Rock House, a half-way stopping place between the Coquille and Port Orford. It was still raining, but being young and strong, I jumped on my horse and followed the trail where is now the wagon road to Eckley.

The snow became deeper as I progressed on my way covering the holes and logs and more than once the trail was lost as the bushes full of snow had been bent down. Myself and horse soon became tired, and my clothes were saturated with snow and water, but being in need of refreshment we trailed on until at last we reached the dividing line between Coos and Curry counties. Here was a rocky prairie and below, near the creek was a house with smoke coming from the chimney. Thither I made my way and found shelter for myself and horse. The house was small, only one room. Yet it sheltered a large family and a number of dogs. It was used as a storehouse, but how inviting and comfortable! The fire in the fire place and something to eat, such as fresh roasted venison brought comfort to a weary traveler.

The saddle blanket spread on the soft side of a rough floor, constituted the bed with dogs as neighbors and bed fellows, a sociable talk and then a much needed sleep under shelter while the snow and rain pattered on the roof.

The next morning convinced me that I must leave my horse behind and proceed on foot. Calf ranch was reached, the snow was from 12 to 18 inches deep and a trip of from ten to twelve miles before me. I stopped to consider what to do. At this juncture my attention was attracted by two deer fleeing before two panthers. The deer ran straight to me for refuge, having no rifle I was compelled to act quickly. Imitating the barking of some dogs the chase was stopped and the pursuers took to the woods. This settled my plan I returned. For weeks I stopped and helped Liggett look up his cattle which had strayed off in search of grass. One morning Mr. Haines cur nearest neighbor about six miles distant requested some one to obtain medical aid from Dr. W. Hermann on the South fork as his family was sick and he could not get away. Under those conditions it became our duty to assist and I accepted the task willingly. On that day I reached Hans' after trailing nearly fifty miles of horrid road.

It was nearly noon, friend Joe told me that he had no time to prepare for dinner, he gave me all he had, which was not much, however this time I carried my rifle and knew that I could kill a deer which was all I needed. After about two hours I succeeded in my attempt and soon a fire was kindled and I cooked part of the deer which satisfied my appetite.

The day was gone, and the

cloudy sky brought darkness all to soon, thus I was compelled to make a wet camp. Limbs of trees were gathered, a bright fire kept me comparatively warm. The wailing of the winds through the trees and the rolling of the surf were not pleasant to the ear. Thus the hours passed, when from way off, the howl of a wolf drew my attention. Nearer and nearer it came, other wolves had joined in the howl and from all sides their cries soon began, and I realized that they were encircling me. Rain and snow still fell at intervals and my supply of wood was getting low. There was not much time to spare, fire alone would keep the brutes in respectable distance, however, darkness made it difficult to find sufficient supply. At last they had me located and surrounded. Their greenish, shining eyes could easily be seen. The damp snow and the falling rain caused the fire to become lower and lower, thus encouraging the beasts to approach. A shot scattered them for a short time, but soon they began a chorus of howls, I shall never forget. Sometimes they fought among themselves. To keep them at bay, I threw chunks of burning wood, until the fire was nearly all gone. Now was the time to take to a tree, a live oak being near by, I climbed out of their reach. For a time I laughed at them and joined in their howling. How they tried to reach me! More shots would have prolonged the sport, but the powder in the tube of my muzzle loading rifle had become wet and try as I might the gun would not fire.

Eleven pairs of eyes jumped and flashed, but I was out of reach, but how long could I hold out? Cold wind, rain and snow, chilled me to the bones. To keep warm I had to exercise so I climbed up and down the tree. At last my fingers were so numb that they could not hold on any longer so I strapped myself to the tree with a belt. I was exhausted, my eyes closed and I must have gone to sleep, for the next thing I remembered, day was dawning in the east. My bones ached and I was trembling with cold. Lighter and lighter the day broke in the east. One after the other of my undesirable neighbors slunk away. At last they were all gone, then I extracted the ball, got my rifle in working order again and started where? I was lost. Following course of a small creek, and faint from exposure and hunger I finally reached a trail, following it a short distance I came to the cabin of miners, stumbled in, fell on the bed and was asleep. Thus did Alcott and his partner find me.

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### Canada Lead Us

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 8—In proportion to population, Canada is building more miles of railway than is the United States. Canada's entire rail road mileage is now 233,000 which is one mile to every 300 inhabitants as compared with one mile for each 381 inhabitants in the United States. In 1867 in all Canada, there were just 2278 miles of railroad tracks. There have been constructed in 1909 and are under construction or contract nearly twice as many miles of track as there were in Canada in 1868 or 4,327 miles.

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### Art of Letter Writing Shown By Frank Gould

New York, Jan. 11—Although not announced by his attorneys, it is reported today that Frank Gould's answer to the suit of Bessie DeVoe, the dancer, for alleged breach of promise will probably be filed tomorrow.

In the meantime some one has totaled the terms of endearment that Miss DeVoe alleges Gould used in love letters to her. The tally list was a long one and revealed an expert's knowledge of the gentle art of love letter writing. For example, the writer forwarded "love and kisses" exactly 37 times in the 38 letters Miss DeVoe alleges Gould wrote her. The tally clerk didn't endeavor to discover the number of separate osculations included in "kisses."

Altogether 132 words of affection were used in the letters made public by the actress.

"Your own Frank" followed "love and kisses" in point of numbers with a record of 28. "Dearest," too, had the same number to its credit.

"My own dear Bessie," 18 times and "sweetheart" 15 times, were recorded next on the list.

The following were found once: "Her Frank," "My own Bessie," "Adoring Frank," "Kitty Grey," "Dear Eyes," and the lengthy "kisses on your lovely dark brown hair and big eyes" were discovered twice.

### CURED OF A SEVERE ATTACK OF BRONCHITIS BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

"On October 18th, last, my little three year old daughter contracted a severe cold which resulted in a bad case of bronchitis," says Mrs. W. G. Gibson, Lexington, Ky., and was a very sick child. Fortunately we had a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house and gave it to her according to directions. On the second day she was a great deal better, and on the fifth day, October 23d, she was entirely well of her cold and bronchitis, which I attribute to this splendid medicine. I recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unreservedly as I have found it the safest, simplest and quickest cure for colds, both for children and adults, of any I have ever used." For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

### May Ask Navy to Assist in Race to South

Washington, Jan. 8—The Smithsonian institution has become interested in the quest of the South Pole. It is said to be formulating a proposition to submit to congress for cooperation between the institution and the navy department by which two ships of the navy shall be detailed for the "international race to the Antarctic pole."

The object of inviting the cooperation of the navy is that the expense may be less and also to put the enterprise on the plans of the designs of Great Britain and France.

It is well known that the National Geographical society is interested generally in the enterprise, but it has not yet formally taken any action. It is not a government body and will possibly yield its claims to the Smithsonian institution, which undertakes expeditions such as the one now being conducted in Africa by former President Roosevelt. All of the plans seem to contemplate the use of the Roosevelt, Peary's ship. If naval ships should be utilized for the search for the Antarctic pole, it is within the possibilities that Commander Peary might be induced to go along with the expedition. He is soon to be retired with an honorary title, in addition to that of captain in the navy. He has expressed himself in sympathy with the quest for the other pole.

If congress should within a short time authorize an American national expedition to the South Pole, the expedition could start within a very short time. Two naval ships and the Roosevelt would make an ideal squadron, say officials, and it is not improbable that to the navy crews would be added the men, who, with Peary, became accustomed to the rigors of the under-zero climate. The curious comment was made

here today that if ex-President Roosevelt came home suddenly, he might be in the humor to head the South Pole expedition himself.

### CAME NEAR CHOKING TO DEATH

A little boy, the son of Chris. D. Peterson, a well known resident of Jacksonville, Iowa, had a sudden and violent attack of croup. Much thick stringy phlegm came up after giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. Peterson says: "I think he would have choked to death had we not given him this remedy. For sale by C. Y. Lowe."

### Been Taking Turns

Mrs. Rodgers had the barrel of russet apples placed in the attic because they were not quite ripe enough to eat and she warned her three boys, whose ages range from 5 to 11 years not to touch them.

Then, one rainy day, when she sought the attic to get something from a trunk, she came full upon her sons, surrounded by apple cores. At her approach two of the boys drew closer together; but the third, a little distance off, who lay on his stomach contentedly munching an apple, apparently paid no attention to his mother's entrance.

"Jack! Henry! Willie!" she exclaimed reproachfully. "What are you doing? And those apples? Didn't I tell you not to touch them?"

"Yes mamma," replied Jack, the eldest, "but we're not really eating them; we're acting the Garden of Eden, Willie and I are Adam and Eve. Henry, over there is the serpent, trying to lead us to our downfall by showing us how good the apples are."

"But," began the mother as sternly as she was able, "you two must have been eating apples; Henry hasn't done it all. I see as many as ten cores around you."

"Oh yes," returned Willie, the youngest "we've all been taking turns being the serpent."—The Fruit Grower.

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### Editor, First White Child

Moscow, Idaho, Jan. 18—Peter LuDow Orcutt, one of the editors of the Moscow Mirror, takes issue with the statement that Ortis Hamilton, the ex Adjutant-General of Washington, was the first white child born in Whitman county. Mr. Orcutt's record shows that he was born at what is now Diamond, on the hill west of Colfax, on July 22, 1872, which is earlier than Hamilton.

This statement can easily be verified because his father, E. H. Orcutt, now at Walla Walla and who taught the first school north of Snake River is living and proves the statement.

### More Typhoid Fever

Oregon City, Or., Jan. 10—The epidemic of typhoid fever that has prevailed for the last two months in the little town of Willamette has by no means run its course, as new cases are still being reported, and the fact that only few deaths have resulted is due only to the vigilance of the attending physicians.

County Health Officer Norris recently analyzed the water supply of that town as well as this place and finds no germs in the samples. At present no explanation can be offered as to the real cause of the spread of the fever.

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