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'Twas a Merry Occasion,

A happy lot were the Chipmans as Thursday dawned bright and clear and their long anticipated visit to the hills had actually begun. The children were just bubbling over with joy and a broad, morning-glory smile spread itself over the countenance of each of the ladies. Westward the little cavalcade wended its way until ten miles lay between them and their home. Here, beneath the wide spreading boughs of a clump of lordly oaks and beside a cool, refreshing stream of water, a halt was made. Away from the heat and tumult of the city they all drank in the free, pure air and gave themselves over to the quiet of the hills. A delicious dinner was served beneath the trees, blackberries, apples and plums being added to the fare.

As evening drew on and the sun sank each moment lower a score of tired little and big people climbed into the hacks and homeward hied, glad for the liberty, the joy and the rejuvenating vigor of the Oregon hills.

Oregon Building at St Louis.

One of the most interesting buildings at the Lewis and Clark fair next year will be the forestry building, which is now in the process of construction. This building will be unique advertisement of the forestry industry of Oregon.

It will be constructed entirely of huge logs ranging in weight from 25 to 30 tons. The building will stand on the hill, to the right of the main gate. The logs are conveyed up the hill by means of a skidway and donkey engine. All of the logs are fir with the exception of two which are spruce.

The building will be 206 feet long and 170 feet wide. The logs at the base are five feet in diameter and 54 feet long. Some of the logs are so long that it takes two cars to haul them.

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PIONEER REUNION.

Old People Gather at Philomath —A Good Time.

Sunday was a great day for old people at Philomath. There were probably 25 in all ranging in age from 70 to 86 years, many of whom were early settlers and had crossed the plains in the early 50's. Many also of great age were there, although not numbered among the pioneers yet have been many years a resident of Benton county. The entire audience composed largely of younger people numbered about 250.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the day opened with a Sunday school by the young, followed by an able sermon from Bishop N. Castle, who is 66 years of age and who read the 90th Psalm from the time-colored bible 84 years old used by his mother, and containing on the fly leaf a record of his own birth. The text for the sermon was the question asked by one of the Pharaohs of Egypt of a Hebrew patriarch, "How old art thou?" The sermon was a masterly, philosophical and well-delivered discourse, particularly adapted to and especially enjoyed by the old people present.

A bounteous dinner was served at noon, little groups forming here and there upon the benches or on the grass, as convenience directed. For an hour and a half the gay crowd of old and young regaled themselves on choice things to eat. Jacob Henkle was chairman of the meeting in the afternoon. He is 79 years of age, has been over 50 years a resident of Benton county and has been identified with the early history of this part of the valley, being one of the founders of Philomath and voted in those days in the old log school house, the first in the then very small village of Marysville, now the city of Corvallis. There were only a few houses here then and Indians were the practical owners. Old-time hymns were sung and the strange sweet tunes carried all hearts backward through a flood of memory and many broke down and wept.

Wm. Porter, 85 years of age, who came in '47 and fought the wilderness for a home and fortune, was so feeble he could not remain for the afternoon meeting. R. Gant, about the same age as Mr. Porter, and a man of prowess in his early days, was detained at home as was also Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Buckingham over 80 years of age was called to Portland last week. The infirmities of age kept several away. A letter was read from Mrs. Elizabeth Henkle, wife of Jacob Henkle, who has dropsy and is in a very critical condition. She is 76 years old and has been 51 years a resident of Oregon. The letter was a farewell to her old comrades and rang clear with Christian triumph. Others who spoke were Samuel McLain 76, F. Mulkey, Boyd Kennedy, John Kennedy 66, J. L. Hummer 66, W. A. Jolly, John Zink 66, Mr. Hayhurst 77, Jesse Henkle 72, Mrs. Hayhurst 69, Mrs. Elizabeth Henkle 76, (mother of J. E. Henkle), Judge E. Woodward 66, and others. Judge Woodward was the first school teacher to teach in Philomath, the district school and college at that time being united. Dr. Loggan, for 15 years a practicing physician in Philomath, sang as a solo, "Children of the Heavenly King," to the old tune.

A note of sadness prevailed as each old pioneer recounted his experience marking out the difficulties besetting the pathway of the early settlers and the fact also that now the foundation is laid they must soon go. Their coming antedates all improvements and we owe a great debt to these men and women who have made the western part of Benton county what it is. There

are Henkles and Porters and others whose labors have become a part of the history of the county and whose memory will always be held dear by the lovers of heroic deeds as the makers and weavers of the fabric of our commonwealth.

All Kinds of Reports.

Probably the finest field of grain in Benton county is now being harvested by W. L. Read, three miles north of town, on the road to Albany. Many have been down to see the field and all agree that it is a phenomenon for this year. The field contains 130 acres, 120 of which is in grain and upon which, since the grain was sown, not more than a sprinkle of rain has fallen. The ground was plowed and the grain sown and reaped very largely without rain. No estimate is given as to what the yield will be, but Read will have a large quantity of wheat and oats to sell. It is said by those who have travelled the road that this is the finest field for its size for at least 30 miles around.

From a 50-acre field, over in Linn county, two and a half miles east of here, 20 years ago, Mr. Jos. Yates harvested 1064 bushels of wheat and oats using 75 balls of twine. This year Fred Kroft put in the same 50 acres in wheat and oats and used in binding same only four and a half balls of twine. The grain is not yet threshed but the yield will probably be about 10 per cent.

J. H. Mulkey got 37 bushels of wheat per acre from a field that he had had in clover for two years, according to the Independence Enterprise.

Many fields of late sown oats are so short as to be hardly worth the cutting, and stock is being turned upon them, as the only method to be pursued.

Not Afraid to Work.

There was a chance for the delegates to the recent convention in Portland which organized the Oregon Development League to get a good pointer on how to get results," says the Oregon Agriculturist. The Hood River folks were on hand, as they always are when there is a chance to advertise Hood River, and they were advertising the fruit fair to be held at that place this fall. These cards showed that the population and business had doubled in the last four years. The increase has been the result of unceasing effort on the part of the people of that place to build their resources and advertise their place, products and advantages. If every other community had worked as hard and as intelligently as the Hood River community has done there would be twice the number of people in Oregon, instead of being the last heard of on the Pacific coast it would be known throughout the United States as the get-there state.

A relic of 1870 made its appearance at the Recorder's office one day last week. It consists of a deed from the Oregon and California Railroad company for \$10,950,000 issued April 15, 1860, as a trust to secure bondholders in that sum. 18,450 bonds were issued, 7450 at one thousand dollars; 6000 at five hundred dollars; 5000 at one hundred dollars. Faxon D'Atherton, Milton S. Latham and Wm. Norris were entrusted with the sale of these bonds, which were placed with Dabney, Morgan & Co., of New York, the above deed as a mortgage being their security. It has been filed for record in nearly all the counties, in which the O. & C. railroad company holds interests. The deed had been misplaced and was supposed to have been lost but last week by mere accident it was discovered in Portland and was sent to Recorder Vincent.

CHITTIM BARK SEASON.

Has About Ended and The Price is Lower than Last Year.

The season for peeling chittim bark, which is just about ended in Oregon for this year, has seen more active work than ever before. In the past two years the work of gathering this medicinal bark has grown into an important industry, and thousands of people have been engaged in it. The fact that men, women and children can peel the bark has appealed to many, as it is possible for entire families to get an outing in the mountains or along the river bottoms, and at the same time be profitably employed.

In the woods of the coast counties the work is not yet finished, but will continue through the greater part of this month. In the valley the bark is beginning to stick, and the work will be given up until another winter raises the sap.

The importance of the chittim bark industry in Oregon was indicated last week by W. C. Pollock, who, as agent for Eastern firms, is one of the largest buyers of the bark in the Northwest. Mr. Pollock has spent many years buying the bark, and has watched the growth of the business in Oregon. He states that last year approximately \$300,000 was distributed among people who peeled the bark in Oregon.

It will be remembered that in the middle of the peeling season last year the price of the bark soared to 1 1/2 cents per pound, thus establishing a new record, and sending into the chittim woods many people who had never before heard of the industry. Another feature of the industry is that the Cascara tree has not yet been discovered in any other part of the world than the Pacific Coast states of the United States. Dealers in the medicinal bark, which is used as a laxative in many of the patent medicines, send all their buyers to the Pacific Coast, and during the summer and fall the bark is bought up. This would give the impression that supply of cascara trees will be exhausted in a few years, and the work of peeling the bark thus ended. But buyers state that this cry was heard years ago, and that more bark is peeled every year.

Every time that bark is taken from a tree, it means death to the tree. If the tree is of any size, it is cut down before the work of peeling begins. In this way all of the trees from two to three inches in diameter up to the largest ones are disposed of. Only the very young trees are left. It requires about nine years for the trees to grow large enough for profitable peeling. But scattered through the woods of Oregon and Washington are enough cascara trees to keep peelers busy until the young trees on this year's work are large enough to peel. The largest trees are not over 12 inches in diameter.

Indian Institute at Newport.

Great preparations are in progress for the Indian institute to be held at Newport this week. The principal speaker will be Miss Estella Reel, of Washington D. C. Pres. Gatch and Prof. J. B. Horner are also among the principal speakers.

The institute is held for the purpose of bringing out the best thought on these lines from those who are at work in the Indian schools, and to give all who attend during the coming week, the benefit of the experience of the leading teachers of Indians on the Pacific coast. In this movement Miss Reel is the moving spirit and the success attained by the institute will be largely due to her untiring efforts.

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