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HISTORY OF RELIC.

B. F. Curtis, of Cheney, Wash., Gives Full Account of Copper Gun Barrel.

A couple of weeks ago we published an item regarding the copper gun barrel found on the shores of the Long Tom river, this county, several years back. The article referred to was furnished by B. F. Curtis, a gunsmith at present in business at Cheney, Wash. Mr. Curtis has just sent us the following interesting write-up of what he knows relative to this copper-barreled gun, as follows:

In regard to the copper barrel that was found some four or five years ago, three or four miles from Monroe, Oregon, I will give the history of this relic. The history of the gun, was told me in 1883 by a man named Price. Mr. Price had his feet frozen so badly while coming from the Salmon River mines to Oregon in 1862 that it was found necessary to amputate them. I believe that he lived in Corvallis about the last mentioned date.

The story of the gun as told me in 1883, is that he deserted from the American Fur Co. in 1832. He then came to the Willamette river, which he ascended as far as the Long Tom. Up to this date there had never been a white man trapping on the Long Tom. Mr. Price and his partner trapped there until 1835, and secured all the pelts that they could take down the stream in two canoes.

They were nearly naked and had lived on beaver meat and roots for nearly a year. The copper gun was worn out and Mr. Price threw it away, where it was discovered a few years ago. I think he told me that it was the only copper-barreled gun that he had ever seen. We were talking in my shop about the improvement in fire arms and by chance he told me about this remarkable gun.

It may be that some of the old-timers will remember Mr. Price. The last time that I saw him he was in Spokane. I think he had relatives on the Okanogan River in Wash. He must be dead now. Should he be a live, his age would be close to 100 years. I think it probable that Henry Watson came down with Mr. Price from the Salmon River mines in 1862. Mr. Watson lives near Albany, Oregon.

There were two guns left by Mr. Paice and his partner on the Long Tom—only one of copper. Mr. Price also told me that they had only four beaver traps, but captured four beavers every night. They went to French Prairie with the intention of disposing of their furs. But the Hubson Bay people would not buy them, nor would they sell them anything to eat, as they were renegades from the American Fur Co. Mr. Price said to them, "We must have something, we are nearly naked." Then the manager told them to throw their pelts into a log shed and go to the store, where there was a man who would let them have all they needed. The manager explained that he dare not purchase anything of them, as they were renegades. In this way Mr. Price and partner received every thing they required.

If you could find the gun or part of it, it would be a great thing. In the meantime I shall endeavor to ascertain if Mr. Price is living. If he is I shall have him at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. He was an illiterate man but possessed a splendid memory that ran far back.

When he left the American Fur Co. he was in the Crow Indian country. He then followed the route of Lewis and Clark to the Willamette river. Now who has the copper gun barrel?

A Trifle Chilly.

Last Friday night was what our citizens call cool. Early in

the afternoon indications pointed to a cold night, and by sundown it was freezing. To make matters worse, about 5 o'clock in the evening the wind came up from the north and its effect was quite chilling.

Saturday morning it was worth the time spent to walk along Main street and examine the large windows of our business houses. On some of them Jack Frost had been at work in a truly artistic manner. On some windows there were frosty forests most beautifully wrought; scenes fantastic, suggesting goblins, fairies, gnomes, and the like. Scenes unreal, but seemingly familiar, caught the eye—one instinctively felt a naturalness about this work and yet through it all there was a consciousness of something elfish. Nice pictures for the eye, but satisfying in no other way.

Saturday there was a strenuous demand for plumbers about town, as a large number of water pipes were frozen up. In some places considerable damage was done as the result of this. The thermometer did not get very low—all the way from 16 to 20 above zero. But our citizens are not accustomed to cold weather and this made them appear very frisky. The cold weather will in all probability prove a hardship on stock.

Has Good Prospects.

During the latter part of last week A. C. Miller paid us a call, and spoke quite hopefully of the prospects of his home section, Kings Valley. He says that it is many years since they had such fine winter weather over there and everybody is taking advantage of the present satisfactory conditions, and are busy.

Mr. Miller says that one of the most important businesses of this section is the logging industry. The Spaulding logging company work from 20 to 40 men on the Luckiamute river right along, winter and summer, and in the course of a year float down this stream millions of feet of logs. These logs go to the various sawmills on the Willamette. Nearly all the white fir logs go to the pulp mills at Oregon City and are in time converted into paper.

The large dam on the Luckiamute renders it possible to run logs at almost any season of the year. Mr. Miller had a contract to log for the Spaulding Co. last year and put in something above 2,000,000 feet. He says that a man can get work at the camps at almost any time, and at good wages, from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per day and board. One of the men now putting in logs is just placing a new logging engine in operation.

Such an industry as this cannot help being of material benefit to the inhabitants of the entire valley. The opportunity is presented for a small farmer to spend what time he can spare from home in one of the camps and at good wages, too.

Home Savings Bank.

The First National Bank of Corvallis Oregon, has been in possession for the last ten years of the small home savings banks, the same as advertised throughout the Willamette Valley. The customers of this bank can obtain these banks, and take them home at any time, by calling for them.

Failed.

All efforts have failed to find a better remedy for coughs, colds and lung trouble than Foleys Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. J. N. Patterson, Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world. For sale by Graham & Wortham."

COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

Items of Interest In and Around the O. A. C.

The senators and representatives were entertained at the college Saturday. The Tuesday afternoon classes were carried on. The boys drilled and the girls gave their physical culture drill. Lunch was served for them in the lecture room of the Agricultural hall by the members of the faculty.

The Sophomores had their annual party Friday evening in Miss Snell's room. It was a valentine party. There was a literary program the principal feature of which was an Indian Powwow. Lieutenant Quinlan told some very interesting stories. In guessing advertisements Agnes Sweek carried off first prize, and in the search for hearts Mrs. Quinlan was winner. A bounteous supper was served in Miss Crawford's room. The chaperones were Commandant Quinlan and wife, Prof. Horner, and Mrs. Trine.

Next Monday the students and faculty of OAC are to have a holiday to repay them for holding school last Saturday.

The girls' basket ball team are to play the Albany girls next Friday evening. A very exciting game is expected, as both teams are determined to win. There is a large crowd of rooters coming over from Albany to witness the game.

The Feronians entertained the Amicitians in Miss Snell's room Saturday evening after the basket ball game. The Chemawa girls and their chaperone and officials were invited to the party. The principal feature of the program was a burlesque patomime of Maud Muller. After the program there was a number of interesting games, one of which was trying their skill at shooting a red heart with a bow and arrow. First prizes were awarded to Mr. Reed, Letha Rickard and one of the basket ball officials. Dainty refreshments were served, after which a number of interesting stories were told. The chaperones were Mrs. Pernot and Mrs. Keady.

The cover on the athletic field was put up Friday evening.

The faculty chartered the bowling alley Thursday evening and had a very merry party.

Miss Dora Lindgren, graduate at OAC, is to be married the 18th of this month to Mr. Carrol Cummings.

The Eutopians entertained the Jeffersonians in the library Saturday evening with a valentine party. There was a program of music and recitations. Refreshments were served and all pronounced it a merry evening.

Shot in the Leg.

Thursday evening, James Lewis was brought to Corvallis with about 25 bird shot in his right leg just above the knee. It was an accidental shooting. Mr. Lewis is a real estate agent and had driven a prospective purchaser out to the farm of Spencer Bicknell with a view to negotiating a sale, as Mr. Bicknell had listed his place with the real estate dealer.

On arriving at the Bicknell farm about five miles north of Corvallis, the gentlemen found no one on the place and Mr. Lewis, in order to give the prospective purchaser an opportunity to inspect the house, effected an entrance. As the door swung open a gun was discharged and a portion of the charge entered Mr. Lewis' leg. Mr. Lewis and

the gentleman with him at once came to town and Dr. Pernot extracted about a dozen of the shot. Another effort will be made to remove more of the shot from Mr. Lewis' leg.

From what can be learned, it appears that Mr. Lewis was shot with a gopher gun. The gun was placed on a chair and fixed in such a way that it would be discharged by the opening of the door. Mr. Bicknell is much distressed over the affair and it is said that he had set the gun for gophers. The matter is under investigation and it may be found a case of "criminal negligence." Even then, whether the case becomes one of action depends largely on Mr. Lewis' disposition in matter. The injured man is reported to be doing nicely and no serious results are predicted. This is an unfortunate affair all around.

Gun-setting recalls an incident of more or less interest connected with the city's past history. Some 8 or 10 years ago G. Hodes, now deceased, was, as he had been for many years, running a gun store and about every quarter of the moon his place of business was burglarized. This business is now carried on by his son, H. E. Hodes.

The old gentleman became weary of these onslaughts and without saying a word to anyone set a gun for the thief, or thieves. The gun set was an old army musket and it was loaded to kill. Mr. Hodes forgot about setting the man-killing device and one morning when he opened for business he found it. There was an explosion that made the earth tremble and the gunsmith had a close call to being wafted to the arms of his father. No more did he set this gun.

Domestic Peace Assured.

Wife—And so you got your life insured for my benefit. That's lovely. Husband—Yes, my dear; but just remember, if you drive me to suicide you won't get a cent.—N. Y. Weekly.

Doubts and Difficulties.

He—One cannot always tell whether a girl means what she says. She—And one cannot always tell whether a man cares whether she means what she says.—Puck.

Well, Why Not?

She—Do you think love always finds a way?

He—No. Very often it's the girl.—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Severe Criticism.

"How do you think Edith Mansummers looks with her new beau?" "As if she might be a mother to him."—Chicago Journal.

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Notices for February.

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- Oives in bulk at P. M. Zierolf's.
- GAZETTE—Independent phone No 433.
- All work guaranteed at J. K. Berry's.
- Umbrellas recovered and repaired at J. K. Berry's.
- Get your ribs fixed at J. K. Berry's.
- Do not fail to see P. M. Zierolf's line of holiday china.
- Get your school books and school supplies at Graham & Wells.
- Lewis and Clark souvenir plates at P. M. Zierolf's.
- Silk and woolen goods a specialty at Corvallis Steam Laundry.
- OAC souvenir dishes at P. M. Zierolf's.
- Send your lace curtains to Corvallis Steam Laundry.
- Patronize home industry—Corvallis Steam Laundry.
- Standard A cedar shingles for \$1.50 per thousand at the Corvallis Saw Mill. 10 ft.
- Second grade fir lumber, almost any dimension, for only \$6.50 per thousand feet, at Corvallis Saw Mill. 10 ft.
- Are you going with the crowd? The time of your life—the event of the season—W. O. W., Albany, Feb. 25. 11-18*
- Thirteen hundred shares Great Eastern Mining company stock for sale at 10 cents per share. Address Box 62, Corvallis, Oregon. 11-15

Reduction in Fare.

Commencing Nov. 7, rates between Corvallis and Portland, via C. & E., Albany, and S. P. will be reduced to \$2.60, same as West Side rate. Tickets on sale by C. & E. agent and all offices in Portland.

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