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FEMININE NAMES IN OREGON.

Some days ago inquiry was made of The Oregonian by a student of Agricultural College at Corvallis about the origin of the name of Mary's River and of Mary's Peak, near this place. These names were given by Adam E. Wimple, earliest actual settler there. He was from Oneida County, New York; was a bachelor, and named the town Marysville, for his sister Mary, who never was in Oregon; and gave her name also to Mary's River and to Mary's Peak. He said, "I will make my sister's name known forever."

But Marysville was a name so commonly used that the Legislature at an early time, while Oregon was still a territory, changed the name to Corvallis. The territorial capital was once changed from Salem to that place, but after much wrangling was soon taken back to Salem. At the time when the name of Marysville was changed to Corvallis the name of Albany was changed to Tekenah, but the name failed to obtain approval and "Albany" was restored.

Feminine names are not abundant in the geographical nomenclature of Oregon; but another occurs at this moment, whose origin is worth remark. It is that of the county named Josephine. It was named for a young girl, Josephine Rollins, daughter of an early settler and gold miner there. The county was created in January, 1856. Josephine Rollins had been a heroine in the Indian troubles of the country and if we mistake not was one of the victims of the savage warfare.

Several postoffices in the state have feminine names, some of them from pioneer women; others from old mythology. It is remembered that the name Mehama, in Marion County, was from Mehama Smith; that of Albina, now incorporated with Portland, from the wife or daughter of the late W. W. Page. Anabel and Clarrie [the latter named from the first syllable of Clara and the last syllable of Jennie] are suburbs of Portland.

It would be worth while, doubtless, to explore this field further. A few streets in Portland, and perhaps in other towns of Oregon, bear feminine names of local origin; but on the whole our women have not been honored as they should be, in our geographical and local nomenclature. The town of Florence, in Lane County, was named, we think for A. B. Florence, member of the Senate from Lane, in the first Legislature of the state.—Oregonian.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS.

According to the latest reports nearly two thousand newcomers took advantage of the recent low colonist rates and came out to Oregon during the last three days in October, the Harriman lines bringing in over a thousand of these prospective settlers.

Most of them were people from the East and Middle West, who are coming into the country with a view to making new homes, and, if they are made of the right stuff, they will never regret their coming. They have arrived in a state where five-acre farms support good-sized families and where people have grown rich from the output from ten and twenty acres of land. There are still plenty of trackless forests to be subdued, and plenty of virgin soil to be broken. Naturally the pioneers in the country did not select the poorest land, but that which is still available at low prices is so far ahead of much that is obtainable in the more

congested localities of the East and Middle West, that the newcomers will not regret having made the change. Oregon needs all of the good immigrants that the railroads can haul here for a long time to come, and they should be welcomed and made to feel at home, no matter what portion of the state they may select.

BEST DAIRY COUNTRY.

T. H. Schribner, president of the State Dairymen's Association of Wisconsin, in a recent address before the Albany Commercial Club, said that Oregon is the best dairy country in the world and that dairying can be carried on here in the Willamette Valley more cheaply and with better results than anywhere else in the United States for the reason that the mild climate here provides green feed almost all the year, and this is responsible for the small expenditure required in dairying. Because of the favorable climatic conditions, farmers here are not required to house their stock so many months as in some states. So great are the dairying possibilities of the Willamette Valley, Mr. Schribner said, that hundreds of Eastern people will come here in the next few years to engage expressly in that industry.

Tariff Changes Considered.

With few exceptions the interests affected by schedule A. of the Dingley tariff, which includes over 100 articles under the heading of chemicals, oils and paints, do not desire any changes in the rates of duty now operative. This was indicated at the first hearing for consideration for revision of the tariff held before the House committee on ways and means.

The majority of the ways and means committee claim that it is necessary for this country to adopt a tariff with a maximum and minimum rate of duty in order to conform with the tariffs adopted by France, Germany and Russia. In this way the United States could get the benefit of the "favored nation" clause of those countries in return for the minimum rate of duty of our tariff. In foreign countries which have adopted such a tariff there is a reduction of about 20 per cent in the minimum rate. The manufacturers who were advocating a protective tariff want the committee on ways and means to make the present rate of duty the minimum rates in the new tariff, but which would result in a considerable increase in the rates of duty for countries which have no "favored nation" clause to offer the United States.

Uncle Joe Cannon will, in all probability, succeed himself as speaker of the 61st Congress. Many members who have been closely associated with Mr. Cannon during his occupancy of the chair assert positively that there will be no opposition to him by the time the Republicans meet to caucus on the Speakership. This means that the affairs of the House will continue to be run by the "Big Five," the speaker and Representatives Payne, Dalzell, Tawney and Mann, of Illinois, who will probably succeed Sherman, since the promotion of the latter to the Vice-Presidency removes him from further participation in Congress.

George W. Cortelyou has enjoyed one continual round of political success ever since President Cleveland selected him to be his private secretary and confidential advisor, and information from reliable sources now states that he is to be retained by Mr. Taft as Secretary of the Treasury. While strong financial pressure has been brought to bear upon the incoming President to do this, the great capability and personal worth of Mr. Cortelyou have also commended him for retention in the new cabinet.

NEW MUSICAL SOCIETY

Chorus of Fifty Voices to Be Organized.

A concerted movement is now on foot to organize a strong choral society here which shall be independent of the one now maintained at the college, it being deemed expedient to do so, both to give greater scope to existing vocal talent and as an honor to the many music loving people in the city.

It is intended to start with a membership of 50 and a preliminary organization was effected at a meeting held Tuesday evening in the Baptist church. This organization will be made permanent at the next meeting, which will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, when rehearsals will also begin and the scope and character of the society determined upon by the members.

As soon as the full complement of 50 members is made up, admission to the society will be by consent of the members, so that all who are desirous of joining are requested to be present at next Tuesday night's meeting in the Baptist church.

Rev. W. W. Davis will be the director of the new chorus and his long experience in this line of work eminently fits him for the work and assures the success of the project.

FOODS OF ITALY.

Specialties of the Friggitrici in Naples and Genoa.

Huge meaty chestnuts are found everywhere in Italy. Peeled and boiled in a reddish broth seasoned with laurel leaves and caraway seeds, the nuts are palatable. About two dozen of the large kernels are sold for a penny. In both Genoa and Naples the friggitrici are interesting, and some of their specialties are well worth a trial if one can forget the unappetizing appearance of cooks and cooking appliances. One friggitrice attracts attention to a tray of golden balls which she piles in a pyramid. The golden balls are artichokes. They are boiled in salted water until tender and are put in a pan over steam to keep them hot until a customer appears. For three pence the vendor will take one from the steaming pan, dry it, dip it into batter and pop it into the hot oil. A moment later a golden brown ball, delicious and crispy on the outside and tender and succulent on the inside, is handed to the purchaser. The frying is managed in such a way that when the fritters are taken from the kettle they are very hot, but so dry on the outside that they scarcely soil the fingers when eaten from the hand. Another friggitrice specialty is that of cheese balls. They are made of paste filled with grated cheese and fried. Mashed chestnuts, rice, chopped chicken and many vegetables are used to vary the fillings for the popular fritos. Some of the frying kettles are portable, and the friggitrici have regular routes like the milkmen, where they tap at the basement door, get their orders, take their tiny bellows and blow up the charcoal until it glows and then cook the breakfast of meat balls or rice cakes or artichokes, which are sent in hot.—Leslie's Weekly.

Solenodons.

Only two species of that singular insectivorous mammal, the solenodon, are known, one inhabiting Haiti and the other Cuba. They differ chiefly in the color and quality of their fur. Solenodons are quaint looking animals, rather larger than rats, with long flexible snouts and naked tails. They are nocturnal and obtain their food by digging in the soft ground for insects, etc., with their snouts. Their brain capacity is small, and they are said to have the curious habit when hunted by dogs of hiding their heads in the nearest holes and leaving their bodies exposed.

The Clock Was Wrecked.

Biway—Use an alarm clock nowadays? Jigsaw—No; never tried one but once. Biway—How was that? Jigsaw—Well, you see, the first time it went off I didn't exactly know what it was, and so I said, "Oh, for heaven's sake, Maria, shut up!" Maria happened to be awake, and—well, that is how it was.—Liverpool Mercury.

Chivalrous Chicago.

In Chicago more than in any other place is woman regarded in the light of a thing of beauty and a joy forever. There is hardly a man in Chicago who does not esteem feminine loveliness as something beyond price—something to live for, to strive for, to suffer for and if necessary to die for.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Historical Mystery Solved.

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