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COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

It is doubtful if so much abuse and fraud has crept into any other government department as that of pensions.

The junior band is progressing nicely under the leadership of Willis Hill. They have secured the council chamber for a practice room.

Of the Baptist church Rev. Baldwin is pastor. They have services Sunday morning and evening and Sunday school, a Christian Endeavor society and prayer meeting.

Mr. J. A. Williams, of Airle, was the guest of Mrs. H. Staats Saturday. She is a very successful school teacher.

James Atwater is going into the potato business extensively this season and has already about half his crop planted.

Marion Smith has been hauling his bacon to the railroad and shipping it to Portland, as there seems to be no cash market any nearer.

Ask C. E. Staats what he did with that fine bird dog he got at Independence, and what good lands are worth with their heads nearly chewed off.

The old saying, one at a time and it will last longer, may be applied to Isaac Simpson and wife, as he has just recovered from the mumps and now she has taken them.

Grange will meet next Saturday at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Brown, of Independence, has been visiting friends here.

Church services at Pleasant Hill were well attended last Sunday.

Cyrus Purvine, of Gosenneck, passed here on his way to Salem, Tuesday.

Friday afternoons at Etna are very popular with the young people around here.

J. M. Williamson, of Albany, was down on a flying visit to his father Tuesday.

Miss Katie Stevens has returned to Portland, and Miss Katie Allen is home from Salem.

Grandma Harris has been very sick at Albany, but is better and has come down to Eola.

School is running along smoothly with thirty-two pupils enrolled and more to come.

Miss Lizzie White and Frank Starbuck, of the Eola hills, were in this vicinity last Sunday.

T. R. Allen and F. P. McConnell have finished 6,000 hop poles for A. J. Harris and George Patterson.

W. W. Smith has completed his new plank fence on the road and still says he wants to sell out and go to an Indian reservation or some other place where he will not have to pay taxes.

INDIAN BURIAL GROUNDS.

In many places in Polk county, in the early times, and even since the whites settled the country, could be found Indian cemeteries, one of which is in the old town of Independence, where could be seen when the writer of this article came to the country many old articles which had belonged to the dusky occupants of the silent tombs which had been laid on the graves to be ready when the owner arose to take his flight to the happy hunting ground.

Perhaps few of the residents of that interesting town are aware of the existence of such a place as a cemetery in the town. In Linn and Benton counties, between Albany and Corvallis, there are to be found many Indian burial mounds, some of which have been explored and discoveries of antique remains made.

Dr. Hill, and others of Albany, in 1884 examined one of those mounds, which is described as 200 feet long by 100 wide, and containing the bones of the same size and shape as are found in the mounds south-west of Albany.

Within the mounds explored Dr. Hill found four skeletons together with various articles of Indian life by their owners, such as flint arrow heads, beaver tusks, bone awls about three inches long tapering to a point, a pipe three inches long and a small flint arrowhead.

At the bottom, bone spoons, necklaces of copper, tube beads, white glass beads, large green glass beads, brass nails, curious bone instruments, supposed to have been used in weaving, a bone knife, small brass bell ornaments, etc.

The skeletons differed considerably from the frame work of the Indians of this generation, lacking the frontal ridge and having the face more rounded, which inclined the doctor to conclude the remains were of a more remote race of people who inhabited the region of the Calapoosia long anterior to the present, although the remains were in a good state of preservation.

Many of these mounds have been found throughout the country and along the Northern Pacific railroad. Near Tenino and Olympia in Washington may be found a great many of them, but whether any attempt has ever been made to explore them or not, we are not informed.

The early settlers were somewhat puzzled to account for the existence of these mounds, but of late it is fully settled that they are the resting places of the chiefs or great men of the prehistoric tribes of the region about there.

Some tribes laid away their dead sometimes in canoes, sometimes wrapped in skins or blankets and laid on scaffolds in trees, but the most common way was to bury them in the ground with their arms and legs extended, and in some cases the grave articles of real or imaginary value possessed by the deceased, and sometimes the favorite squaw or horse was killed so that the deceased could enjoy their company in the world to come, and land and long were the lamentations of the living over the loss of the dead departed.

In the Columbia river between Portland and the Dalles is a rocky island named Menaloes Island, signifying death or burying in Indian, where the Indians of former times used to bury their dead.

It was probably selected for the reason that as the Indians generally buried in very shallow graves the coyotes would dig up and eat the bodies, and as the wolves very frequently swam the river the dead remained undisturbed.

We have seen Indians buried so shallow that their feet would stick out from under the brush and dirt designed to cover them.

The diseases which were most fatal to the Indians were fevers and consumption. They were troubled also with ophthalmia, caused principally by the smoke of their wigwags, and it was not infrequent to find many Indians totally blind.

The boys used to torment an old blind Indian who with his squaw was camped near Monmouth where the squaw was gathering up the offal from the slaughter yard.

The squaw placed the old man near where she deposited the offal and told him a long slender pole to keep the boys away, and the boys would advance as near as it was safe to the meat and the Indian thinking it was the logs would strike with his stick and yell at the boys, who would remain and torment him until the return of the klutchee man, when they would sneak away.

The regular practice of the doctors in those days consisted of the turkish bath in the sweat house, built of earth near the bank of the river, and a plunge in the cold water. If the patient recovered all right but if not the doctor was subjected to severe punishment and sometimes to death.

Many curious incantations were performed to appease the wrath of the evil spirit, but the practice very often resulted as the old bleeding process of the white doctor, in death. Sometimes the family of a deceased Indian would be camped while away on a fishing or hunting expedition many miles from the Menaloes island (cemetery), and the corpse would have to be transported on horseback, in which case the dead Indian would be placed on a horse in an upright position and fastened with ropes of rawhide and sticks so as to sit as if alive and would be followed by the near relatives at a rapid pace.

Sometimes, however, when camped near the river the dead would be taken to the burial place in the canoe, followed by most of the tribe, who after the funeral service would sorrowfully return to their camps. So fatal were the diseases treated in the regular way that for some years after the arrival of the first settlers the decrease of the Indian population was very great, so much so that in 1836 Mr. Perkins estimating the Calapoosia to number 8,000, while four years later only 600 could be found. It is possible that Mr. Perkins overestimated the number then and that later not all were counted, but it is evident that the fatality was very great. At the tribes of the region of the Willamette were not a war like people, and it is not likely that war very much increased their death rate, it is mostly ascribed to the sweat and plagues, every village having its sweat house for the treatment of the sick and this treatment when they had a visitation of small pox and other contagious diseases carried them off at a rapid rate, for the waters of our rivers is generally quite cold, and a plunge in the ice cold water after a sweat bath was too severe a change. It was the custom with the Indians of this valley when a squaw died having an infant child to wrap the child in the blanket or skins with the mother and bury it alive with her. A case of this kind was witnessed at a place near where Mr. Hill lives at Bridgeport on the Lockiamote, many years ago. Several school girls who witnessed the interment begged to be allowed to take the child but the Indians would not grant their request and the pitiful cry of the

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Of the County Clerk of Polk county, State of Oregon, showing the amount of claims allowed by the County Court of said county, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding on the 1st day of July, 1895, to the 1st day of April, 1906, both inclusive.

Table with columns for item, amount, and total. Includes items like County Court, Sheriff, Assessor, and various warrants.

STATE OF OREGON, 1906.

I, B. F. Mulkey, County Clerk of the County of Polk, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct statement of the amount of claims allowed by the County Court of said county, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding on the 1st day of April, 1906, on what account the same were allowed, and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid on the 1st day of April, 1906, as recorded by me in my official custody.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Table showing semi-annual statement for the County Treasurer of Polk county, Oregon, for the month ending on the 1st day of April, 1906.

SCHOOL FUND.

Table showing school fund for the month ending on the 1st day of April, 1906.

PAID TREASURER IN CASH.

Table showing treasurer in cash for the month ending on the 1st day of April, 1906.

PAID TREASURER IN WARRANTS.

Table showing treasurer in warrants for the month ending on the 1st day of April, 1906.

STATE OF OREGON, 1906.

I, W. L. Wells, sheriff of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true, as the same was by me examined and verified on the 14th day of April, 1906.

FEEDER.

Frederick Dennis had a large audience Sunday.

Miss Nellie Craton has returned from Independence.

Dr. Luther is adding a new yard fence to his premises.

Mr. Fischer is giving general satisfaction as teacher of our school.

Some sleek thief took both lard and bacon from Lou Ritzer's sm-k house.

Mrs. Sarah Price has been very sick, and Scott Bennett's wife has a girl baby.

Haight & Burbank have bought a saw mill, which they will put up on the latter's place.

Jim Mc and Joe C. have been bluish because stormy weather has kept back their hop interests.

Frank Beyerly said goodbye to his best girl Sunday night and left next morning for Grants Pass.

Our Sunday school is largely attended and well behaved. J. C. Hedgpath being superintendent.

Mr. Whittall was thrown from his horse at Sunday school, but no damage except to his clothes and feelings.

MARKET REPORT

(Corrected weekly by Niles & Cooper)

Table with market prices for various commodities like wheat, shorts, flour, potatoes, butter, lard, eggs, chickens, dried fruits, beans, turnips, cabbage, onions, corn meal, buckwheat flour, Graham flour, hay.

MARKET REPORT

Wheat, per bushel, 57 cts. Bran, per ton, \$17. Shorts, per ton, \$20. Oats, per bushel, 35 cts. Flour, per barrel, \$4. Potatoes, per bushel, 75 cts. Butter, per pound, 20 cts. Lard, per pound, 16 @20 cts. Eggs, per dozen, 12 cts. Chickens, per dozen, \$4@6. Dried fruits, per pound, 10 @20 cts. Beans, per pound, 2 cts. Turnips, per pound, 2 cts. Cabbage, per pound, 3 cts. Onions, per pound, 3 cts. Corn meal, per pound, 3 1/2 cts. Buckwheat flour, per pound, 5 cts. Graham flour, per barrel, \$4. Hay, per ton, \$10 @15.

TRAVELING.

Some people never have any spare money for traveling or any other pleasure because buying at high priced stores.

Advertisement for Pink Pills for Pale People, featuring an illustration of a person and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

SEND FOR SAMPLES

Advertisement for Nicoll Tailor, offering samples, self-measurement rules, and tape-line mailed free.

Advertisement for 'Seeing is Believing' featuring 'The Rochester' lamp, with an illustration of the lamp and descriptive text.

Advertisement for 'SEND US YOUR NEXT ORDER' for Posson Seed Store, Portland, Oregon.

Advertisement for VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE, featuring an illustration of a woman and text about the guide.

ST. JACOBS OIL

CURES RHEUMATISM, LUMBAGO, SCIATICA, SPRAINS, BRUISES, BURNS, SWELLINGS, NEURALGIA.

A copy of the "Official Portfolio of the World's Columbian Exposition, descriptive of buildings and grounds, beautifully illustrated in 16 water color effects, will be sent to any address upon receipt of 10c. in postage stamps by THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., Baltimore, Md.

Hernia, Asthma, And Catarrh Specialist! DR. W. T. HOUSER, SALEM.

A cure guaranteed in every case undertaken. Children and infants cured in from one to two weeks. Asthma cured after fifty years' standing. Correspondence solicited and references given.

OFFICE IN BUSH-BREYMAN BLOCK.

Advertisement for Gray Bros. Hardware and Farm Machinery, featuring an illustration of a building and text about lawn mowers, garden tools, etc.

PLENTY OF LUMBER.

We have on hand a large quantity of the best mountain logs and are always ready to furnish any amount of lumber at reasonable rates.

Prescott & Veness.

Advertisement for Prescott & Veness, featuring an illustration of a bicycle and text about car loads of buggies and agricultural machinery.

THE GREAT SIRE OF TROTTERS!

Advertisement for Rockwood, 1467, featuring an illustration of a horse and text about its racing record.

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