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## NARROW ESCAPE

### Friend of Kit Carson Joins Silent Majority--New Bean

### Dallas Lad Makes International Team--Old Way Bill--Hop Crop Good

#### NOTED POLKITE DEAD.

#### Friend of Kit Carson Passes Away at Sheridan Home.

The death of Alfred Wilson removes a noted pioneer whose life, if written in history, would read like that of Daniel Boone or Kit Carson.

Born in Tennessee on a date given as April 2, 1820, which would make him 87 years, 4 months and 23 days old at the time of his death on August 25, 1913, but which date he was uncertain of and often expressed his belief that he was born at a much earlier date. Those most intimately acquainted with him during his earlier life state that his age was fully 100 years. His parents moved to Missouri, where young Alfred became acquainted with Kit Carson and between them a strong and lasting friendship was formed that was never severed until the death of the noted plainsman and hunter. He was a companion of Carson on many exciting trips as guide in the Rocky mountain regions, and shared with him the same blanket during the trips of hardship. On one occasion while driving a six-mule team across the plains to Mexico, his party was attacked by Indians, and it was in this skirmish Mr. Wilson killed his first redman, a Comanche. He narrowly escaped death himself as five arrows penetrated his clothing. Other meetings with the Indians while on the same trip and at other times proved as exciting, and several times nearly cost him his life. In 1848 he enlisted in the Mexican war as a ranger and was in the battle and siege of Santa Cruz. Here his troops surrounded the city and for six days they subsisted upon one meal a day. Here he did his full share in gaining the American victory by hurling bombs into the panic stricken city.

He guided several trains across the plains in 1850, and was captain of a company that came to Oregon, and on this trip he and his brother were obliged to make several good Indians in order to save their own lives. The brothers located near McMinnville, where Alfred put in a crop for Dr. Stutton on the shares.

In 1852 he secured the donation land claim of 320 acres which he improved. In the fall of the same year he was crippled by being hit on the back of the knee with an ax, which accident was so serious as to unable him to engage in any labor for more than a year. He has killed no less than four bears at different times with his pocket knife, having no other weapon with which to defend himself when attacked by the animals. His whole life, if written in detail, would read like fiction and space prevents the narration of many of his adventures more thrilling than those already mentioned.

He was twice married. In 1854 he married to Miss Mary Saling, and to them were born ten children, seven of whom are now living: Melissa Stevens, of Albany; Lovena Lady and Melinda Lemasters, of Sheridan; Lilly Ball, of Ballston, and Lucinda Briedwell, Edward Alfred, of Sheridan, and Harley Clark, living on the home place. Mrs. Wilson died in 1890 and in 1894 Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Rebecca Bryan, who survives him. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday and interment was made in the Highland cemetery near the old home. —Sheridan Sun.

#### MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

#### John Boyer Narrowly Escapes Death by Runaway Team.

Last Friday as John Boyer was going down the Grand Ronde hill with a load of grain, he heard a noise behind him, and looking back saw a runaway team coming toward him at a speed of 40 miles an hour. Before he had time to turn out they struck him, the horses breaking loose and one taking each side of the wagon, and continuing their run. The collision broke the neckyoke on his team, and they ran off too. John was hurled about 30 feet to the side of the road and knocked unconscious, but his head was not spilled, although the back bolster was broken in too. John was badly bruised, but able to be in Dallas Monday.

#### DENNIS HONORED.

#### Company G Will Have Representative in International Match.

Some time in October teams from a number of the northwest states militia companies will engage in an international match with picked team from Canada. The match will occur at Vancouver, British Columbia, and Oregon is to have a representative team of her best shots. Captain Conrad Starin received notification yesterday that Lindsey Dennis had been drawn as one member of the team, and he has been ordered to report at the Clackamas rifle range next week for practice and to get in shape to do honor to our town. That he will carry off honors, we are ready to gamble.

#### New Variety of Bean.

From a relative in France Mr. J. E. Goetz Saturday received a package of what is known there as the Flagolet bean, which he will sow and endeavor to grow here, believing that soil and weather conditions are the same as where they are grown in the old country. This is a bean much desired by epicures there and finds a ready market, owing to its fine flavor, and the peculiarity over other varieties of beans that it is ready for eating from the time it is picked, without any drying. These beans are eaten right from the pod. They are of good size and have a slight greenish tint. If they grow well, Mr. Goetz will plant quite an acreage of them.

#### AN OLD WAYBILL.

#### Agent Woods has One First Seat Out by N. P. Road.

Just 30 years ago Monday on September 8, 1883, at a point on Deer Lodge River 60 miles west of Helena, Mont., a golden spike was driven before an assemblage of distinguished men from this country, England, Germany and other foreign nations that united rails from east and west and marked the formal completion of the Northern Pacific railroad between St. Paul and Portland. The occasion of uniting with bands of steel the east and west was made one of the biggest times that the young and growing city of Portland ever had. The writer was working on the Oregonian then located at the foot of Stark street and well remembers the extraordinary celebration of the event. This week we ran up against a waybill sent to all station agents in Oregon

#### SHORTER CROPS.

#### Independence Hops Not Turning Out Nearly so Well.

Now that four or five days picking has been completed in the yards around Independence it is possible to estimate the size of the crop in this part of the state. The general impression is that it will be from 20 to 25 per cent below last year. As many as possible of the big growers were reached this morning, and this estimate is based on their replies.

C. L. Fritchard, of the Fritchard & Wolf yard said: "We will get as many hops as we did last year, but we did not pick them all last year. Our yard as well as most of the other yards will be lighter than last year."

L. Damon said: "On three acres which I have picked, I got 700 boxes last year and 500 boxes this year."

C. A. McLaughlin, who has 300 acres, said: "There is no doubt that the crop is lighter. My crop will run 25 per cent lighter than last year."

Hanna Bros. were a little more optimistic and said: "Our Luckiamute yard and the Helmick yard will run about 20 per cent below last year. We have picked enough that we can give these figures as being correct."

J. A. Morrison, who has the J. R. Cooper yard and is manager of the J. A. Livesley yard, said: "We have picked about nine acres so far and are running about 100 boxes to the acre, against 150 last year. The whole yard will go about 1200 pounds to the acre against 1600 last year. The hops are the finest color that they have been for a number of years."

Thomas Fennell said: "The hops we have picked are coming down about 20 per cent lighter than the same acreage produced last year."

H. E. Fletcher says that his crop will be at least one-fifth short of last year's crop.

The above is taken from the Oregonian of yesterday, and applies only to that locality. The hill hop crops are averaging nearly if not up to that of last year.

#### Polk's Grain Yield Good.

A general estimate of some of Polk county's leading grain yields this season shows that the production is above the average. In the Kienall and Eola section, what is threshed has averaged 30 bushels an acre. Wheat yielded 25 an acre and gray oats about 40 bushels to the acre. G. N. Wells, of Buena Vista, harvested what is believed to be the best crop of barley in the valley. The entire crop averaged 82 bushels to the acre. —Oregonian.

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commemorating the event. It was an off hand drawing by some rather talented artist picturing the improvement of travel from across the plains days to the 1883 time, and professed to call for the shipment of the Oregon mare from Portland to Spokane. Agent Woods has preserved all these years on account of its uniqueness, and the Oregonian will tomorrow have a story regarding it from the pen of their versatile writer here, W. L. Toozie, with a picture of it. Besides the drawings, the bill is decorated with some poetry.

#### Not Appeal Editor.

Dear Editor:—My attention has just been called to an item which recently appeared in your publication to the effect that the editor of the Silverton Appeal has been sued for \$50,000 damages for publishing a certain article concerning the supposed escape of a supposed nun. Now, I most emphatically deny the allegation, and respectfully request that the statement be recalled. Of course this is not a very serious matter and there is no danger of my being sued for libel upon my part, but the fact is I do not care to be confused with the matter in any way. I am frequently asked concerning it, which makes quite an annoyance.

You see the Silverton Appeal is quite an old paper and for a great many years there was only one here, and in this way when a Silverton paper is mentioned thought naturally turns to the Appeal.

Thanking you in advance in setting me right in the eyes of your readers, I beg to remain, Yours most truly,  
H. E. HODGES.

#### Old Polkite Dead.

Died, at Oakland, California, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eliza E. Hembree.

She was born in Platte county, Missouri, March 28, 1842, and died August 23, 1913, aged about 71 years. She was married in January 1859 to Lafayette Hembree, at Dallas, Oregon.

Funeral services were held at the family home in Oakland by Rev. Boyer, the pastor of the Christian church, and she was laid to rest at Sacramento beside her husband and son.

She leaves two daughter, Mrs. May Jones, of Oakland, and Mrs. Hattie Tennyson, of northern California, besides a brother and sister at Amity. Mrs. Lucy Patty and J. A. Ruble, —Amity Standard.

#### Ralph Hill Married.

The Oregonian of Monday says of a former Dallas lad:

A pretty home wedding of Wednesday last was that of Dr. Roy Ralph Hill and Miss Martha Florence Pilger. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, 527 Malvern avenue. Rev. J. K. Hawkins read the service in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride is popular among her many friends, and the groom is well known in professional, educational and fraternal circles in Multnomah and Polk counties. After a wedding supper, Dr. and Mrs. Hill departed for a honeymoon trip to Seaside. They will reside in Portland.

#### Will Visit Old Home.

Archie Parker has been chosen a delegate to the Rural Letter Carriers' convention to be held at Evansville, Indiana, and will start east next Tuesday to be in attendance during the four days which the convention will be in session. Mr. Parker contemplates visiting his old home at Niagara, and will visit a sister at Winnipeg and then return by the Canadian Pacific. —Monmouth Herald.

#### New Donkeys Arrive.

The Falls City Lumber Co. has received two new donkey engines and has a force of men at work moving them to the line of the new Teal creek logging railroad, which is in process of construction. One is the largest donkey in this section of Oregon. Its first use will be to furnish power to excavate a cut of 13 feet in the new road. —Oregonian.

#### Greaser Gets Riled.

A Mexican named J. A. Garcia, who has been in Falls City for some time working in the lumber mills and camps, and lastly dish washer in the hotel there, became offended at some remarks that were made to him by some of the employes and disappeared and has not been seen or heard of since. He had rented a small piece of ground in town, but had made no effort to move on the place. —Oregonian.

#### Lodge Notice.

Jennings Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M.:—A stated communication will be held Friday, September 12. Business of importance will come before this meeting. All members requested to be present. By order of W. M., WALTER S. MUIR, Secretary.

#### TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO.

#### Taken from the Files of the Itemizer Saturday September 10, 1887.

Otho Williams was running a tailor shop in McMinnville.

Hardy Holman and Tom Burnett went to the Cascades to work on the Oregon Pacific.

Jim Dempsey was running a steam woodsaw in Dallas.

John Woods was holding down the job of telegraph operator at Yakima.

William Brown left for the east on the Pioneer excursion.

Dave Burns had gone to the Cascades for a hunt.

Miss Mamie Richmond was reported as near the point of death.

Johnny Emmett, while playing around the warehouse at Monmouth, was caught in a cog, and his leg crushed so that it had to be amputated.

Joseph Phillips left Lincoln for Illinois on a business trip.

Major Walker, wife and daughter, of Lincoln, left on a visit to their old Missouri home.

J. L. Purvine at Lincoln got about a half mile of fence burned up by a stubble fire.

Mrs. Wm. Burns was stricken with paralysis.

C. Allen and Miss M. Lillard were married in Kings Valley.

W. G. Vassall erected a residence for his own use near the Syracuse creamery.

A son was born to the wife of George Clark on Salt Creek.

Silas Riggs and family, George Meyer and family, of Salt Creek, had gone to the coast, and J. D. Ellis and Jack Robbins to the Cascades.

The petition to put a gallery in the city hall at Dallas was granted and J. J. Williams appointed to boss the job.

John A. Waugman was appointed postmaster at Dallas, in place of J. D. Smith resigned.

J. D. Chitwood, of Oakland, had gone to Clackamas county to see his sister, who was very ill.

#### FACTORY FULL.

Monmouth Normal Fills Gaps in Professors Ranks.

The Oregon Normal school faculty is again complete. A rural school department has been added and the newly chosen instructor, M. S. Pittman, formerly of Louisiana state university, has arrived in Monmouth and is planning his work for the fall term. The faculty for the year is as follows: J. H. Ackerman, president; Alabama Brenton, art; J. B. V. Butler, history and civics; Myra H. Butler, domestic science and art; E. S. Evenden, education; L. P. Gilmore, science; Mary Kohan, music; L. H. Kenyon, English assistant; H. C. Ostern, mathematics; Rose B. Parrott, English; M. S. Pittman, institute and rural school; Lura Taylor, physical education; Mabel West, librarian; Thos. H. Gentle, principal training school; grade critics, Alice McIntosh, Katherine Arbutnot, Grace Davis, Olive L. Dawson; Jessica Todd, matron, dormitory.

Several students have already arrived in Monmouth and many more are expected this week. In addition to filling the dormitory, many homes in Monmouth are to afford accommodations. School will open September 15. —Oregonian.

#### Christian Science Services.

Christian Science services held in Adventist church Sunday Sept. 11th at 11 a. m. Subject of Lesson sermon, "Substance." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Reading room in First National bank building, room 10. The public is cordially invited.

#### LETTER LIST.

The following letters remained uncalled for in the Dallas post-office Tuesday:

Mrs. Clara Freeman,  
Mr. J. C. Holcomb,  
Mr. A. F. Knox,  
Mr. C. E. Low,  
Mrs. Pearl Rhoner,  
Mr. William Wing,  
Mr. G. M. Wheelock.

C. G. COAD,  
Postmaster.

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