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PIONEER PASSES.

Old Inhabitant of Independence Goes to Long Reward.

John R. Richardson, Sr., of this city, passed to his reward Tuesday morning at his home on Monmouth street, after an illness of nearly eight weeks caused by a paralytic stroke. The funeral services were held at the Christian church Thursday afternoon, Peter R. Burnett delivering the discourse. Rev. Sandifur the invocation and Mr. Crow in charge of the music. It was one of the most impressive services ever given any citizen of Independence. Internment was in the K. of P. cemetery south of Monmouth.

Mr. Richardson was born in Iowa February 28, 1844, from where he moved to Quincy, Ill., while a babe. At the age of nine years he was brought by his people across the plains, arriving in Oregon late in the fall of 1852. The family settled near Monroe. From this place they moved to Bethel, where Mr. Richardson married Martha C. Phillips, of Zena, July 17, 1869. To this union was born five children, four of whom still survive their beloved father. He, with his wife and family settled in Independence in 1872, and have lived here ever since.

He is survived by his wife and one sister, aside from the four children, who are John R., Jr., and Charles, of this city, Frank, and Mrs. Rose McGrath, of Portland.—Independence Monitor.

C. B. Olsen Buried Sunday.

The funeral of Conrad B. Olsen, the former foreman of the Itemizer, who died suddenly last week, occurred Sunday afternoon from the United Evangelical church in Salem, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Winter, assisted by Dean D. M. Metzger, of Dallas College. Internment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery in that city. The pallbearers were from the Salem Typographical Union, of which deceased was a member. Those from this city who attended the funeral were Mrs. V. P. Flske and Miss Roxanna Flske, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Boyd and Mrs. Bert Felton.

PASSING OF PIONEER.

Part of the Address of Rev. Hunsaker at the Residence in Buell, Polk County.

John Miles Davis was born at Little Gumwater, near the city of Baltimore, Md., November 27, 1830, and died November 9, 1913, at 6:30 a.m., aged 82 years, 11 months and 13 days. At the age of six years he emigrated with his parents to Mercer county, Ohio, and soon after that to Jay county, Indiana. At this place he grew to young manhood and was married September 16, 1852, to Vironicy Hunt. Two years later they emigrated to Page county, Iowa.

In the year 1864 they came to Oregon and settled near Ballston and two years later he settled on the John Eldridge homestead at Buell, Polk county, where he spent the remainder of his life. To this couple were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, four of whom are now living: Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, of Roseburg, Oregon; Mrs. Jamima Conner, of San Jose, California; Francis Davis, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Surviving him, besides the above-named are his devoted wife, 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He has been a member of the A. F. & A. M. for more than 40 years, in which he had great pleasure until age compelled him to cease his regular attendance at the meetings of the order. He was a good neighbor and endeared himself to those who came in close touch with him. He was a loving father and the children show their devotion to him by traveling many hundreds of miles and all being with him on this occasion. He was also a devoted husband and mindful of the comforts of her who has shared with him those joys and sorrows.

The passing of Mr. Davis closes a long and active career of one of the very few pioneers who immigrated with ox-team from ocean to ocean—Baltimore, Md., to Portland, Ore.—successfully overcoming the numerous attending dangers during those early days of real republic builders.

TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO.

Taken From the Files of the Itemizer of Saturday, November 19, 1887.

There was a great rush on for the lieu lands of the Northern Pacific land grant, which had been thrown open for settlement on November 10th.

Johnny Richardson went to California on a search for work. Morris Jones got back from his trip to the eastern states.

It was reported that the Southern Pacific had purchased the whole Narrow Gauge system.

Frank Riegler, formerly county school superintendent of Polk county, was arrested for brutally whipping one of his Portland pupils.

George Good, a former editor of the Itemizer, was to start a drug store at Salem.

Mark Embree had gone to make his future home in Harney valley.

Ralph Williams was appointed janitor of the new city hall, to receive \$1 for each night actually employed.

Emma Bailey and Aaron Tillery were married near Bethel by Rev. Doty.

Ella Wise and D. L. Key were married at the residence of the bride's parents, near West.

Ora L. Palmer and H. B. Cosper were married at the residence of the bride's parents, in Salem, by Rev. J. W. Webb.

Emma Butler and W. M. Davis were married at Oregon City.

It was proposed to celebrate Thanksgiving day by a program at the city hall.

A. E. Nichols brought in a Peerless potato that weighed over five pounds.

AN OLD DIARY.

Green Campbell Shows Father's Record of the Plains Across.

The other day Green Campbell brought us in an old diary, battered and worn by the ravages of time as to the cover, yet the writing therein was perfectly legible and easily read. The diary is a chronicle of events, in an abbreviated way, that happened from the time his father and his family started from Iowa on March 14, 1853, until they arrived in Oregon. In fact, for several years thereafter it was used as a memorandum book. The train virtually started from Council Bluffs, where a week was spent in outfitting, and the author of the diary, Jas. G. Campbell, was in charge until the train consolidated with another one under a man who had made the trip before. The record in the diary has most to do with the number of miles traveled each day, and other details. Green Campbell says that happenings of that trip are the brightest things in his memory, one thing standing out clearly, that from the time they left Council Bluffs until they arrived at The Dalles they ran across no white habitation of any kind. To contrast these times with now, when all that country through which they passed is thickly settled up, seems wonderful.

Speaks for Itself.

Please discontinue my ad. sheep for sale, as they are all sold. The Itemizer certainly brings the purchaser, if the goods and the price are right.—C. D. Nairn, Ballston.

FATALLY INJURED.

Homer Foster Strikes Pavement and Fractures His Skull Tuesday Night.

Tuesday Homer Foster was out in the Mill creek country buying goats. He was late getting home, and did not arrive in town until about 10 o'clock. He stopped at the feed barn to see his brother and then came on up Main street, making the turn at Court street to go to the Collins barn. At the corner by Starin's drug store his horse slipped on the pavement and he was thrown, striking on his forehead, tearing away a goodly portion of the flesh from his face and since lain in a comatose state and the doctors hold out no hope for his recovery. Death being expected any moment. Mr. Foster is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, of Salt Creek, and was one of the rising young business men of the city.

MARTHA J. SMITH.

Martha J. Lewis was born in Kentucky in 1835, and crossed the plains with her parents when only the years of age. The family settled on the Luckiamute, in the south part of Polk County, where she resided until her death. In 1850 she was married to J. H. Smith, settling on a homestead near by, where their large family of five boys and two girls were born and raised. The family of boys and girls survive her, and are as follows: H. S. Frank, Clifton, Layton and Oliver, of Independence; Mrs. Mary Rush, of Boise, Idaho, and Jane Brown, of Portland.

There are few women more highly respected in their communities than was Mrs. Smith. Being one of the earliest pioneers of the country, she was familiar with all the privations and sacrifices of the time, and her kindly sympathy and practical help, which she was always ready to render, will make her memory long revered in that community.

Many years ago she united with the Christian church, remaining a consistent member until her death.

About three months ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis and was taken to a hospital in Portland, where she passed away, on Thursday, November 6th.

Funeral services were held in the family burying ground, near the old home, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, conducted by Dr. H. Chas. Dunsmore, of Calvary church, and her body laid to rest in the place around which her long and useful life has been spent. The large attendance of friends and neighbors at the funeral services attested the high respect in which she was held. The bereaved sons and daughters have the sympathy of all their friends.—Independence Monitor.

Drowned in the Siletz.

While Charley Mayes was in company with a companion packing supplies into the chains on the Siletz, in crossing a swinging bridge across the north fork of that stream, he was precipitated into the turbulent and swift water and before his companion could render any assistance swept to his death. Owing to conditions, the body has not yet been recovered. "Shorty" Mayes had been a resident of Falls City and was well known to all who make the Siletz on fishing excursions.

Announcement.

All those desiring portraits for Holiday time are urged to make arrangements for a sitting at once. Last season I had more work than I could do, and in the meantime my business has nearly doubled. In order to insure first class work I shall make no more sittings than I can finish in the best manner.

Nothing makes so desirable a Christmas gift as a fine portrait; it is appreciated for many years. It is also the most economical, but requires, however, a little time and a great deal of attention, so order now.

I have recently added equipment which makes my studio one of the best equipped in the state. I have a large stock of the latest and finest mountings, yet my prices will be no higher than before.

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C. B. STONE,
Phone 524. If Photographer.

BRIDE AND GROOM RETURN

Well Known Moscow Lady Married at Portland to Montana Man.

The following taken from an Idaho paper will be of interest to many of our readers. The happy bride was born and reared near Smithfield, being a daughter of Hon. C. G. Fisher, one of Polk's early tree-lawmakers. Her maiden name was Linnie Olive Fisher.

"Announcement is made of the marriage at Portland recently of Mrs. Olive L. Jolly, of this city, and O. P. Christiansen, of Flathead, Montana. Mrs. Christiansen is well and favorably known in Moscow, having resided here many years, and she is now receiving congratulations from her many friends. The bride and groom have returned to Moscow and will remain here during the winter, after which they will go to Montana, where they have property. The following account of the wedding appeared in a Portland newspaper:

"The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Applegate, 500 East Twenty-fourth street North, was the scene of a lovely wedding last Sunday evening when Mrs. Olive Jolly, of Moscow, Idaho, was married to O. P. Christiansen, of Flathead county, Montana the Rev. John H. Boyd officiating. The bride was dressed in an ivory satin gown with heavily beaded chiffon draping, ornamented with rhinestones. She was attended by her charming little nieces, Viola La France and Alice Eulalee Applegate, as flower girls. The decorations were in white carnations. Mrs. Christiansen is one of those women so typical of the northwest. Within eight years, by her own unaided effort, through home-steading and purchase, she has come to possess a 360-acre acre ranch and two timber claims, which represent a handsome fortune. As a rancher she raised blooded Hambletonian and English C. ch horse stock. She is handy with the rifle and has a record as a sportsman, numbering among her trophies deer and mountain sheep. Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen will make their home on his cattle ranch at Camas, Mont."

Sewing Party.

The members of Dr. McNicols' Sunday school class met with Miss Abby Walker at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Conrad Starin, Tuesday night to sew for the Methodist Sunday school bazaar, which will be held soon. After an hour or so spent in sewing, a most delicious lunch was served by the hostess, consisting of nut bread and cider and baked apples and whipped cream, with cake and coffee. The members present were: Mrs. W. H. Borror, Mrs. Gordon Black, Mrs. I. N. Cole, Mrs. N. L. Guy, Mrs. Fred Elliott, Mrs. Mabel Guy, Mrs. Lydia Evans, Misses Georgiana Fiske, Ada Longnecker, Ora Collins, Frances Dempsey, Effie Brown, Abbie Miller. Others besides the class present were Mrs. Starin, Misses Florence Walker, Vera Wagner, Cleo Guy, Ruby and Madred Starin, Allan Borror.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Another Couple Celebrate Half Century of Married Life.

J. L. Morrison and wife, of Rocca, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday, November 18th. A large number of friends and relatives were present to help celebrate the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison received many useful gifts and everyone enjoyed one of those bountiful repasts for which the Morrison home is famous.

This aged couple are pioneer residents of Oregon. Mr. Morrison was born in Alabama in 1837 and came to Oregon in 1853. Mrs. Morrison, who was Sarah J. Glenn, was born in Iowa in 1845, and came with her parents to Oregon in 1861. They were married at La Grande Nov. 18, 1863, and came to western Oregon, where they have since continuously resided—15 years in Douglas county, several years at Newport and other places and 18 years in their present home. They are loved by all their friends and highly respected by all who know them, and all join in wishing them many happy returns of their wedding anniversary.

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THE TURKEY'S LAMENT

BY KING GOEBLER

I WONDER what I can have done To merit all this trouble— Shut up where I can have no fun And bent until I'm doubled.

This morning all the folks rushed out And chased me over fences— And here and there and round about Until I lost my senses.

I ran toward the farmer's wife And thought she would befriend me, But even she—upon my life— Did nothing to defend me!

INSTEAD, she grabbed me by a foot

With no consideration, And in this prison I was put Without an explanation.

The farmer's sharpening an axe— The children talk of dressing— Oh, my, I wish I knew the facts! These rumors are depressing!

But all the future I can see Looks very, very murky. Just now I think I'd rather be A chicken than a turkey.