

# SANDY, PAST AND PRESENT

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were full of fish and the woods full of game at all seasons of the year. The old-fashioned, long-barreled, muzzle-loading rifle was the friend tried and true that kept the family larder supplied with choicest venison the year around, neither did they go far to find it for it was considerable of a task to keep deer out of the back yard and garden, where the few vegetables were watched and tended with much more care and solicitude than is usually spent upon such things now.

### Other Settlers.

As the years rolled on, conditions changed, and there came other settlers looking for the promised land, among them being Fred Seivers, Phillip Moore, Stephen D. Coalman, Geo. Scharek and Henry McGugin, Chas. St. John, Chas. Cole, Messrs. Larkins, Wilson, Bohna, Branham, Hermann Bruns, Frederick Meinig, Cokerrease, Willfang, Ayrerson, Wilson Bros., Gantenbein and others.

### First Store and School.

About this time Mr. Revenue established a trading post. A private school was also established by the settlers at the home of Mr. Revenue. Miss Lizzie Martin was engaged as teacher, and here the school continued until children became so numerous that more room had to be furnished. A building, a log raising and a hearty co-operation of all concerned gave to the community its first schoolhouse.

times grain was scarce, flour sold at \$30 per barrel, and there was more than one family that lived for a time on wheat, washed, dried and ground in a coffee mill and boiled. This, together with dried venison and fresh fish, formed their sole diet for several weeks.

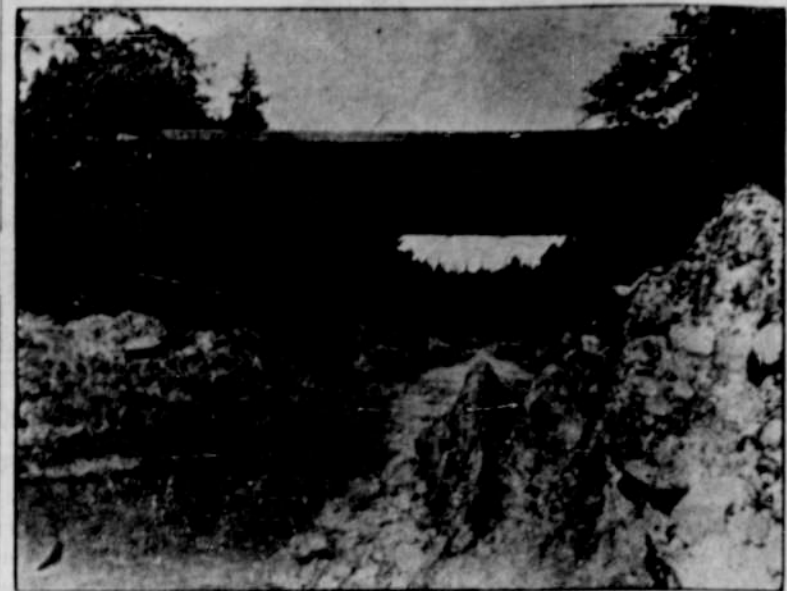
### First Postal Service.

By and by Uncle Sam established a regular weekly mail service from Portland to Eagle creek via Sandy to the great delight of the settlers. The mail was carried by a pair of diminutive mules attached to a mountain backboard, and driven by a Mr. Price. The mud in the winter was so soft and deep that the only way one could tell the mules were there was to watch for their ears sticking out of the mud. Of course this is an exaggeration, and is only told by the pioneer to illustrate the condition of the trails commonly called roads.

### Looking Toward the Promised Land.

The news of the enormous crops of hay, vegetables and splendid fruit raised in the fields, gardens and young orchards that had been set out and just coming into bearing soon found its way into other lands. Friends began to come from far away Germany and relatives from the eastern states. People were leaving the snow, killing frost, the blizzard, the cyclone, the hot nights and hotter days, the drouth-stricken middle west and the effete East, too, were flocking to the land flowing with

on the ridges and along the creeks for miles around, settlements were gradually made by William Wasape, E. Coalman, J. H. L. Maybee, Mike McCormick, H. F. Hart, John H. Wever, Herman Fischer, M. Zoeg, Thomas Spillman, J. M. C. Miller, John Boshalm, H. Ridderbusch, A. Revenue, H. Cook, Theodore Fischer, Charley Krebs, F. Lohman, J. R. Duncan, Frank McGagan, George



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### Sandy Becomes Permanently Established.

The influx of settlers very naturally created a demand for a convenient trading point. The little store established by Richard Gerdes had become too small for the demands made upon it. It had become very evident that larger quarters must be provided. All the natural roads and passes led to a site just south of, and on top of the hill, from the first store. The settlers wanted a convenient place to trade. A point easily reached from every quarter, a place that could with assurance be made the social and trading center of the community, not only for the present, but in all the years to come. Experience taught them that no mistake would be made in selecting this spot, and so with full confidence in his neighbors and the future success of his venture, Frederick Meinig, assisted by the settlers, built the first store upon the hill, where is now situated the beautiful little city of Sandy. Here at an elevation of a little over 1,600 feet, on a beautiful, slightly rolling ridge of about half a mile in length and from a fourth to a half mile wide, in plain view of several snow tipped peaks, sparkling streams and the grandest of mountain scenery, overlooked and apparently guarded by Hood, the famous mountain sentinel of the West, Sandy stands supreme.

### Sandy's Growth.

By 1875 much travel had sprung up, and many transient people and their stock had to be fed and cared for. These conditions were met by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Von Schoelber, who built and ran the first Sandy hotel. Between the years 1875 and 1897 several changes had taken place. Robert Jonsrud had built, and was running the village blacksmith shop. Paul R. Albon M. and Otto H. Meinig, only sons of Frederick Meinig, the pioneer merchant, had taken over the mercantile business established by their father and continued the business under the firm name and style of "Meinig Brothers." Mr. and Mrs. Junker, experienced hotel people of Portland had purchased the Sandy Hotel, and are still running it. Mr. Junker also established a saloon, a place where the tired and weary traveler might quench his thirst with something stronger than the pure and sparkling waters of Sandy Ridge. Mail routes had become established to points in the interior. The mail service being increased to twice a week; a larger and better school house had been built; also a private German

school, and Catholic and Lutheran churches were built and maintained regular worship. Other mercantile houses were established, only to die down again, until the coming of C. L. Idelman, who in 1900 built up a thriving general merchandise business, selling out in the fall of 1905 to Bornstedt & Sons. The senior and junior members of this firm later on selling their interest to George Born-

sted and Bert Lindsey of Portland, who conduct the business under the firm name of Bornstedt & Lindsey. Mr. George Ruegg has, however, purchased the interests of Mr. Lindsey, hence we presume the firm name will undergo another change the first of the year. Dr. J. C. McElroy, a noted physician of Portland, located here in 1905, so did Mr. J. B. Tawney, a practical blacksmith, vehicle and implement dealer.

During the years mentioned a large and thriving stage and livery business had been built up. Railway had come nearer to the little settlement; instead of traveling 25 miles to market the settler now hauls his produce six.

Tourist and health resorts have sprung up. At Welch's, Salmon, Marmot, Government Camp and Summit Prairie, and along the mountain streams and valleys thousands of city dwellers and people from the farms and interior towns of the dry, hot and dusty Eastern Oregon and Washington annually flock into the Sandy Country, and there seek health in its lands and valleys of pure delight. Other railroads are projected, two of them through Sandy and the Sandy Country. One of them is now in course of construction and expects to be running trains from Portland via Gresham and Sandy to the big summer resorts a few miles away—before



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

the close of the summer season in 1908.

Of course this steady but persistent growth has stimulated interest. It has caused the good people of Sandy to wake up and to become more progressive, to keep pace with the times. It was therefore no surprise when W. A. Proctor, Frank Beers, Mr. Straus



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and E. F. Bruns, among the foremost and best citizens of Clackamas County, formed a corporation known as the Sandy Land Company, purchased and platted land in Sandy, but before they could even record it, lots were sold, buildings erected and new enterprises started; numerous private dwellings were built, some of them by the Sandy Land Company. In fact, the plating and selling of this land can very properly be called Sandy's awakening.

### Sandy, as it is Today.

Sandy today supports two of the best and largest stocked general merchandise stores in the country; they are owned and managed by Meinig Bros., the pioneer merchants, under the Bornstedt and Lindsey, the latter hav-

ing but just finished their new store building; a first-class blacksmith shop, vehicle and implement store, operated and owned by J. B. Tawney; a well stocked furniture and building material business, owned and run by Wm. Wirtz and F. M. Skinner, under the firm name of the Sandy Furniture Company; a first-class barber shop, run by Mr. Wirtz; a first-class drug store, owned by Dr. J. C. McElroy, who is also one of the foremost physicians of the state; a splendid harness and saddlery store, owned by V. E. Fosberg; an up-to-date meat market, owned by McCormick & Enright; a large and well equipped stage and livery business, owned by E. F. Donahue and F. M. Morgan, who also run a like business at Borin, under the firm name of Morgan & Donahue; a

first-class feed stable, a saloon, and without question the best equipped and managed hotel in Clackamas County, the latter three being owned and managed by Mr. Caspar Junker, who has a so built several private residences, and who has just completed platting and recording, and now has for sale, lots in Junker's First Addition to the Town of Sandy. Sandy also has a large chop mill, owned by Wever and Meinig; a prune dryer, owned by Meinig; two notary publics, Messrs. George Bornstedt and John Revenue; a Justice of the peace, T. G. Jonsrud, Esq., a constable, Mr. Bert Jonsrud; Messrs. Davis & Davis, and E. Coalman, contractors, and Charles Sharke, painter and deco-

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SANDY'S FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE.

Ten or twelve years had passed since the arrival of the first settlers. A sawmill, an up and down affair, went up one day and down the next, the settlers say now. Then it was a modern affair. Anyway it turned out a better class of lumber than was possible by hand with less labor and greater speed, hence the saw mill was a welcome adjunct to the little community. The mill was built by the Maignett Bros., and was afterward sold to Francis Revenue.

In 1865 Reice and Wankey, two enterprising young Germans came to the Sandy country, took up claims and in the course of time built and operated a flouring mill on Cedar creek, afterward disposing of it to Frederick Meinig, a practical miller who continued the operation of the mill for the convenience of the community.

### The First Mail Arrives.

The first regular mail route was established in 1870 by the settlers who paid the carrier to bring the mail in once a week from Oregon City. About this time the first postoffice was established by Richard Gerders at a little store he had built on the hill above the Revenue farm. This was called Sandy post office, after which the town of Sandy takes its name.

### The Circuit Rider Arrives.

The spiritual side of the community life was not neglected. Rev. Mr. Cross, father of Harvey Cross of Oregon City, a typical Methodist circuit rider, making regular trips into the little community, urging sinner to live a better life. The old settlers love to tell the story of this good brother meeting the wickedest one of the settlers on the road, there exhorting him to lead a more exemplary life and finally ending in kneeling with the object of his exhortation under the shade of a giant tree and there asking the Giver of all good things to forgive the erring one and lead him into the paths of righteousness. The little log school house with its enormous fire place and the creek above it were often the scenes of mighty conflicts in following the steps of the Master in baptism. The name of this God-fearing man is still held in tender recollection by the oldest settlers.

### Hardships of the Pioneers.

And so the life of the little community went slowly on. Frederick Meinig bought the interests of Richard Gerders in the store and carried the few supplies needed in the neighbor hood, attending to the settlers wants at odd minutes snatched from the work of clearing and the making of a home. Everybody worked, man, woman and child. At

milk and honey, the land where the settler never went hungry, the land where crops were assured, where grain, grasses, vegetables and fruits grew in such vast quantities to the acre as to compel the writer or narrator to guard his statements lest, like the quaker's son, he be looked upon as a fit subject for the more modern Annanias club. And so we find a little later many families coming to make their home under the blue skies, and in the pure atmosphere of the land of almost continuous spring time, the land where flowers bloom the year round and where a nature has done her best to make an ideal home for man.

### LATER SETTLERS.

Among those who were among the vanguard of later days, but yet early enough settlers to be classified as pioneers in "God's Country," men who have proved to their satisfaction that the Sandy Country is indeed all and more than was claimed for it, and indeed more than they expected of it, men who find that they have been handsomely rewarded for time and labor spent, who are now living in beautiful homes, surrounded by every comfort that nature can provide, or money buy, we find Dave Douglas, V. B. Tapp and C. W. Har- ris of Cherryville, the fruit kings of the Sandy Country. H. A. Kitzmiller, George Wolf and W. P. Roberts of Dover. J. G. De Shazer, G. Stucki, Thomas McCabe, A. Malar, M. Keisecker, and Theodore Koennecke of Frowood.

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