

THE NACHESS PASS

IMMIGRANT PARTY THAT PASSED THE CASCADES

Trail of Pioneers Through the Mountains Forty-Three Years Ago This Month.

At this time when so much has been written about the pioneer party in the Blue river district, it is of interest to those who were among the comers, but to others who more recently arrived. A few ago Mrs. Belle Bartlett of Umatilla and who is interested in Blue river district, this city and learned that W. Baker, State Game Warden, resided here and that many of them were children in the pioneer party in 1853. Mrs. Bartlett was a daughter of Wm. Baker and Mr. Baker, a son of Col. Baker both mentioned in the following article which published years ago and read by Mr. Baker.

Portland, Sept. 8.—(To the Editor)—The article from the Ellensburg Capital in The Oregonian of Monday relating to the construction of a wagon road through the Cascade mountains via Nachess is detailed to a reporter by Mr. E. Hyde, of the United States geological survey, is not quite in accord with the facts. The Captain (afterward General) McClellan had anything to do with it, I very much doubt. The fact is, as I believe, that the first party at the head of the Sound in summer of 1853, desiring to increase their numbers, determined to locate in the immigrants that year to locate in their vicinity as possible. Accordingly, a plan of building a road across the Cascade mountains by Nachess to Fort Walla Walla (now Lulu) was conceived by John Edgar, then living near what is now Yelm Station, on the Northern Pacific railroad, an old employe of Hudson's Bay Company, who was familiar with the Indian trail and said it was practicable for a wagon route. Accordingly, Edward Jay Allen, George Rhazar and John Edgar were employed by the citizens of Olympia and Stellacoom to examine the route and report. As they did, whereupon \$6000 was subscribed in money, labor and provisions for the purpose, by the people of the above-named places and the neighboring farmers. Work was begun under the supervision of John and a courier sent to meet the incoming immigrants to inform them that all who desired

could go to Puget Sound direct, through the mountains, and thus avoid the long detour by way of the Willamette valley. This courier intercepted the immigrants in the Grande Ronde valley, and traveled with them to Umatilla, the last camp on the road towards Willamette valley, being about three miles below the present city of Pendleton. A number of immigrants were found whose intended destination was Puget Sound, and these, with the flattering inducements held out by the courier, led a number of others, who had intended locating in Polk county, Oregon, to join the party; so that, all told, it numbered about 100 persons, including woman and children, and 26 wagons, well equipped with provisions and teams, though the latter, as may well be imagined, were more or less jaded after 1800 miles of constant travel. There was no particular head to the company by any official action, but by far the larger part of it was composed of those who had traveled from Kentucky under the leadership of James Biles; and as he was one of the best of men—a noble man in every sense of the term—one who afterwards held many positions of trust in Washington territory, and who had always the good will and respect of all who came in contact with him—it came to pass that he was instinctively looked to as the leader. As this was the first direct immigration to the Puget Sound basin, the names of the party were given as follows, so far as they can be remembered, no roll ever having been made out:

James Biles, wife and children, George W. Kate, James B. Belle, Clark, Maggie, Minnie; Charles Byles, wife and children, David F., Charles, Rebecca, Belle, Luther; Elijah Baker, wife and sons, Joseph and Budd, Bartholomew Baker, wife and sons, James, John and Leander; James Lougwire, wife and children, Elcaine, David, John, Tabitha; Tyrus, Himes, wife and children, George H., Helen Z., Judson W., and Lestina Z.; Joel Risdon and son Henry, Asher Sargent, wife and children, E. Nelson, F. Marion, A. Wilson, Matilda, Rebecca; E. A. Light and wife, William Downey, wife and ten children; Kincaid, wife and four children; Woolery, wife and three children; John Lane and wife; Mrs. McCullough and two children; George Melville, wife and three children. In addition were young men as follows: Varine Davis, Mason Guess, Wilson Guess, E. L. Finch, Charles Reuben Fitch, Frederick Burnett, Clark N. Greenman, J. W. Woodard, Austin W. Young; Van Ogle; and young women—Martha Brooks and Mary—(now Mrs. David F. Byles, of Elma,

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SAW MILL PURCHASED

The Courts and Church Saw Mill on Row River Purchased—Logs Enough For Years Secured.

That the reaction in our lumber interests in this section of the state, which has had a severe set-back for a year or more, is taking place, and that from now on it will continue to improve until it has reached the old proportions, when some twenty or more saw mills within a radius of a few miles of this city, some many mills were in active operation and vast quantities of lumber were being sent to other states, is evidenced by the continual inquiry of lumber and saw mill men and the investment of capital in the business.

Row river and its tributaries, along which runs the O. & S. E. railroad, seems to be a favorite point for the investor. The many millions of feet of lumber which can be easily obtained in the surrounding gulches and on the mountains, has its attractions for the lumber men. This week Mr Taylor and son saw mill men from the Seattle country purchased the Courts & Church saw mill on row river and at the same time secured lumber contiguous to the mill sufficient to last for years. They are putting everything into order and expect to begin the sawing of lumber by the first of the month.

The Farmers Will Smile.

The farmers of Oregon will be wearing a broad smile this summer as the largest crop of wheat in the history of the state will be harvested. The crops are now in splendid condition and if normal weather prevails a record-breaking will be made. It is estimated that an increase of 7 per cent. in the wheat acreage and an increase of 30 per cent. in oats. Reports for fruits are not so favorable as on grains. Apples will yield about half a crop while prunes will be light. Peaches are in better condition than most fruits. Cherries are short with about half a crop predicted. Late reports from hops shows that they are backward for this time of the year. However, weather conditions up to this time have been favorable, and the chances are yet considered good for a full crop, and this together with the increased acreage of hops will make Oregon's 1905 yield the largest in the history of the state.

Foresters of America.

At the biennial session of the grand court, Foresters of America, held in Portland this week T. W. Jenkins was elected as an alternate to the national convention which will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., this summer. The next session of the grand court will be held at Condon, Ore., two years hence.

The following officers were elected: F. L. Bourgeois, grand chief ranger; W. H. Warner, Albany, grand sub chief ranger; Frank Possi, grand treasurer; A. Brauer, grand secretary; A. E. Schwartz, grand recording secretary; W. T. Coburn, Grant's Pass, senior woodward; W. L. Jones, Jefferson, grand junior woodward; Frank Kennedy, Roseburg, grand senior beadle; Paul Geisler, grand junior beadle.

The grand trustees are A. B. Dalgity, of Astoria; H. J. Fredericks, of Hood river, and Lin Jones, of Oregon City, Supreme representatives who will attend the National convention this summer in Buffalo, are, S. Kafka and W. E. Snyder, of Portland, and W. H. Klepper, of La Grande.

No Depot Phone.

Some weeks ago the telephone in the depot at Cottage Grove was removed and from present indications it will be a long time before it is replaced.

The railroad officials state that it was placed there by request of the telephone company, as it would increase the business and cause the use of more phones in the city.

Recently the telephone company demanded pay for the phone and the railroad company refused to accede to the demand, the phone was taken out.

In consequence of this action the

railroad company suffers no special inconvenience, in fact the employes do not have to answer questions, making it easier for them.

The telephone company loses nothing as it was receiving no revenue for its use.

The hotels cannot tell their guests if the trains are on time; the merchant must go to the depot to learn if his goods have arrived and everybody who has any business and has a phone finds it absolutely worthless so far as depot business is concerned. These questions now arise as to the next move. Shall we make up a purse and have the telephone replaced? Or shall we do without one?

For a short time it is up to the companies; then it will be up to the people.

Since the foregoing was put into type, a letter from Mr. Thatcher, manager of the telephone company has been shown us, in which he suggests the people circulate and present a petition to the railroad officials, asking them to put in a telephone at the depot for the use of the patrons of the road. He also suggests that all reciprocal relations between the two companies having been discontinued, the telephone company should receive pay for its services.

Only Need the Cows.

Mr. C. R. Schiller of Oakland, Oregon, who is interested in a creamery of that place, was in the city several days this week. He was looking for more cream customers and incidentally sized up the location for a creamery at this place.

Mr. Schiller says, "that from his observation this is an ideal point for a creamery and dependant only for success upon the farmers furnishing the cream. If they would keep, milk and deliver the cream of three or four hundred cows, for which there is sufficient pasturage to feed them, then a creamery would prove a success."

He also stated: "that at his farm a careful record of each cow was kept and it was easy to learn what ones to take from the herd and that the figures showed the cows averaged over \$90 per year, at a cost of \$32 per head, besides horses and other animals were raised and sold at a good profit."

The city of Cottage Grove is purchasing many hundred dollars worth of butter per month from other sections of the state, all of which if there was a creamery would be kept at home.

There is a committee of citizens at work and finding out how many farmers will agree to supply cream and on their answer will depend the building of a creamery.

The Arnold Shows.

For three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the Arnold shows were in the city.

They came under contract with the Cottage Grove band and were well patronized each day. The band boys devoted a great amount of time in playing on the streets and assisting to make it a success.

All who attended the performance seemed well pleased and thought they received their money's worth. The band netted a neat sum for its part in the work.

Great Picnic at Springs.

The management of the London mineral springs at London, 12 miles south of Cottage Grove, is making great preparations for a picnic and general social time on the 25th of this month.

The Cottage Grove band will play. Ex-Governor Geer and other prominent speakers are expected to be present.

The Modern Woodmen of America will be in evidence with some good work.

The Grangers will be represented in full force. Representatives from the Agricultural college have arranged to hold a farmer's institute, giving some valuable information to the farmers.

Everybody can test the water from the mineral springs to their entire satisfaction.

Remember its Friday the 25th day of May.

STAR ITEMS

Mr. Albert Stocks visited at Star Saturday.

Clyde Kerr passed through Star Saturday.

Miss Owens is visiting at Eugene this week.

Glen Owens is on the sick list this week.

Charlie Pitcher went to the Grove this week.

Mr. C. A. Harlow went to the Grove Tuesday.

Mr. John Wicks went to the Grove Saturday.

It is reported that Lulu Earl has the Scarletina.

Mr. Lyang and Mr. Dond passed through Star Tuesday.

Tommy Nelson is a guest of Mack Stewart this week.

Mrs. Harress visited with her sister Mrs. Mitchell Saturday.

We are glad to hear that Ira Hawley is regaining his health.

Mr. Dwight Hopkins of Eugene was up at Star on business, the last of the week.

A number of the Star people attended the carnival at Cottage Grove this week.

Mr. Wilson and son of Dorena passed through this burg on their way to Wildwood Tuesday.

Miss Katie Hawley, who has been attending school at Cottage Grove, returned to her home at Wildwood.

The Star base ball team played a game of ball with the Blacks of Dorena last Sunday which ended in victory for the Star boys; the score being 47 to 11.

For the last two Sundays a number of the young people of Star have went to Wildwood to attend church and the minister forgot to come, although he is a resident of that place.

Silk Creek Items

Miss Gertrude Burdick of Cottage Grove, visited her aunt Mrs. M. F. Babcock Sunday.

Chas Miller and Gus Heinrich went to Cottage Grove Monday th take in the carnival.

Alva Owens, the 8-year-old son of A. D. Owens, cut his knee very badly the first of the week.

A niece of Mr. Tompkins is visiting at his home.

W. N. Wheeler is hauling ties for Wheeler & Owens.

Miss Hutchinson went to Cottage Grove Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Eugene Miller and son called on Mrs. Wheeler Wednesday.

Christian Endeavor's Convention.

Thirty delegates from the Christian Endeavor Societies of Douglas

and Lane counties met in convention in this place Saturday and Sunday.

The purpose of the meeting was to perfect the organization of the district and to elect officers for the coming year. State President, J. A. Rockwood, of Portland was present for the sessions Saturday afternoon and evening. Mr. Rockwood is a business man and believes he has business to do for the Oregon Endeavorers.

Much credit is due Mr. W. A. Dill, State Press Agent and Miss Vinnie Knapp, both of Eugene for securing delegates and arranging the programme. Miss Rose Coffey also at Eugene favored the convention with some excellent vocal music.

Rev. H. M. Andrews, missionary from Woodstock, India, Sunday evening delivered an instructive address on what he has seen of that unfortunate, because unchristian, people. Fourteen years of life among them as missionary, pastor, and college president have made him a man full of pity and devotion to their needs.

Officers elected were as follows: District President, Miss Marian White, (Christian) Cottage Grove. Douglas vice, Mr. J. E. Smith, (Christian) Roseburg.

Lane vice, Miss Brent (United Brethren) Eugene.

Secretary, Miss Lulu Currin, (Cumberland Presbyterian) Cottage Grove.

Treasurer, Miss Mary Weatherbe (Presbyterian) Eugene.

Junior Supt. Miss Ruby Hendricks, (Christian) Eugene.

Supt. Good Lt., Mr. Tripp, (Congregational) Eugene.

Supt. Temperance, Mr. Theo. Helt, (Cumberland Presbyterian) Eugene.

Supt. Missions and Devotions, Miss Katherine Hanna, (Presbyterian), Eugene.

Press Agent, Miss Hickather, (Christian) Drain.

The next district convention will be held at Roseburg, in the fall of 1906.

First Class Restaurant.

Mrs. Joe Miller whose reputation as a cook is well known in this section of the country has opened a first class restaurant in the building opposite the postoffice.

While it will be conducted as a family restaurant, short orders will also be served.

The restaurant will be open from early in the morning until 12 o'clock midnight.

Cottage Grove has long needed such a place as Mrs. Miller has opened. Meal tickets will be issued at \$4.00 for 21 meals. Try a few meals at the new restaurant.

F. J. Hard has returned from a three months' visit to the East. On Wednesday morning he went to Bohemia to look after his mining affairs.

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