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HENRY HILL DEAD IN EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR.

Founder of Independence Expires at His Home Wednesday. A Brief Illness.

The Community at Large Pays Respects to a Good Citizen and Sturdy Pioneer of '47.

Henry Hill is dead. Peacefully he passed away at his home in the southern suburbs of Independence the town he founded, at noon yesterday. He was taken sick only last Wednesday and did not seem to realize his serious condition nor did his family until the end came. In the death of Mr. Hill the state loses a valuable citizen, in this community there remains one less of the deminishing sturdy pioneer settlers, and the town of Independence loses its honorable and respected founder.

Henry Hill was born in Jefferson county, New York, January 20 about the year 1824, and was of English descent. In 1830 he left his native state, removing to Ash-tabula county, Ohio, and later to Illinois, locating first in Kane then in Cook county, and residing in

Ignated his claim. The following spring he heard gold was discovered in California, so he walked to Portland and then took a canoe to Astoria, where he got aboard the schooner Starling and sailed to San Francisco. He then took passage on Sutter's launch, and went up the river to where Sacramento now is and from there went with three or four others on foot to the mines and dug gold.

In 1851 he decided to return to California to replenish his store of money. He accordingly went to Yreka. The Indians were bad at this time, and he took a ranch near Yreka and engaged in herding horses. From there he went to Jacksonville, Oregon, but was not pleased with the prospect, and returned home and engaged in farming and stock-raising which he

the latter until 1847 when he crossed the plains with ox team to Oregon. His party started April 4 and when it reached St. Joseph Mo. there were 100 wagons in the train. Here, a disagreement arising, the party divided into small companies, each of which experienced trouble with the Indians. Mr. Hill's party was also subjected to annoyance and dangers from the great herds of buffalo. At times they could scarcely avoid being trampled under foot by the roving herds, and they were a great menace to the oxen that often took fright and only with difficulty were kept from breaking away. Indians also found delight in stampeding the stock. The Indians they encountered however, were armed only with bows and arrows, and the emigrants guns saved them from worse annoyance.

Mr Hill arrived at his destination where Independence now stands on the 14th of November, 1847. Old Major Thorp, Mr. Davy Goff, Col. Ford Mr. C. D. Embree and a few others had already arrived in the county. Mr. Hill decided to settle on the west bank of the Willamette and he began at the river and paced off his claim a mile square. He drove stakes at the corners and marked trees, and in this way de-

continued until his death. In 1867 he platted about forty acres of his land and gave it the name of Independence. He gave Vanduyne and McCully lots to build on, and also lots for a livery stable, and thus the town was started. He also gave two lots each to the Methodists and Presbyterians for edifices. He gave the grounds for a railroad depot, and offered to contribute liberally toward a proposed canal from Buena to Independence. At the time of his death Mr. Hill owned 1200 acres of land joining Independence on the south, also several hundred acres in Crook county. He was liberal in aiding the public improvements, and was interested in all they would build up.

The marriage of Mr. Hill took place July 14, 1851, to Miss Martha Ann Virgin. She was born in Kentucky on December 18, 1834, and was the daughter of Reason Virgin, who died in Missouri. She came to Oregon in 1847, but not in the company of Mr. Hill.

Besides a widow, Mr. Hill leaves four children, L. R. Homer, Verd and Miss Garlin. All reside on the home place except Miss Garlin who is teaching in Pomeroy, Wash. Other children born to them are, Roseltha, Clarinda Aurelia, Mary Elizabeth, Lucy Vidue, and Nelly May.

Eighteen Students.

Polk county is furnishing eighteen students to the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. Their names are:
 Ralph Wilmer Allen, Rickreall.
 William Henry Beaty, Ballston.
 Samuel L. Damon Independence.
 J. Waldo Finn, McCoy.
 Glen C Goodman, Independence.
 Percy Joshua Holmes, Suver.
 William Robert Jones, Suver.
 Belle Kate Mattley, Lewisville.
 May Oviatt, Buell.
 Geo. Calendar Pewtherer, Rickreall.

Juanita Rosendorf, Independence
 Ralph Curtis Shepard, Salem.
 Otto Gerald Simpson, Suver.
 Lena Belle Tartar, Airlie.
 Albert Pearl Tedrow, Monmouth
 Lula Turner, Dallas.
 Ray Mike Walker, Independence.
 Floys Alexander Williams, Airlie.

Speaking of the Polk county delegation, Prof. J. B. Homer in a letter to the West Side Enterprise says:

It affords me pleasure to say that they are progressing nicely as far as I can learn. We want more of the kind.

The following from the Oregonian, never optimistic, is significant. It's merely a recital of the situation in Oregon when prosperity is not kept down by the uncertainties of a presidential election year: "Portland bank clearings for the week ending Saturday reached a total of \$5,681,495. This exceeds all previous records for the corresponding week by more than \$1,000,000, and is double the amount recorded for the corresponding week in the year 1900, when the last presidential campaign was disturbing conditions. These clearings, averaging more than \$900,000 per day, reflect a condition of trade that will hardly justify much complaint. The wail of the croakers who are predicting an era of hard times following the 1905 Fair, has had some effect in checking the sales of real estate, but it can no more stay the wave of prosperity that is sweeping over the Pacific Northwest than Mrs. Partington could sweep back the waves of the Atlantic with her broom. The prosperity of Portland and other North Pacific cities is, of course, largely due to big crops and unusually high prices, and the operation of these important factors is unhindered by any anxiety over the coming election. The silver craze has run its course, and with it a continuation of the prosperity that has marked the Roosevelt administration, the advantages of good crops and high prices can be utilized to the greatest possible degree. In this particular portion of the United States, the fields, forests, streams orchards and mines are yielding up wealth in such enormous quantities, that hard times are practically an impossibility. The 1905 Fair is a big institution, but all it will cost from beginning to end will be a mere bagatelle compared with the sum that has this year been placed in circulation in Oregon, Washington and Idaho by wheat, wool, hops, salmon, livestock and lumber, not to mention a dozen other money-making industries."

World's Fair Rates Extended.

Through the efforts of the Great Northern Railway, World's Fair excursion tickets will be sold on October 27, 28, and 29, in addition to October 3, 4, and 5. For full information apply to any Great Northern agent.

Mrs. Smith, of Portland, inspector of the Women's Relief Corps, was in Independence last week. Mrs. Smith was the guest of Mrs. Chas. Hubbard, president of the W. R. C. of this city.

THEY HAVE MET

After the Annual Session at Hood River Oregon Editors Visit Portland.

Entertained by Lewis and Clark Fair Officials on the Grounds and at Luncheon.

The Oregon Editorial Association closed its annual session at Hood River, Saturday. The attendance this year was not as large but there was a good working number present, and a very interesting session was held. Some legislative recommendations were adopted that if enacted will be good for the newspapers, and serve as a safeguard to the public welfare. R. J. Hendricks of the Salem Statesman was elected president and Carey Hayter of the Polk County Observer was elected vice president of the association for the ensuing year. On Sunday a delegation of ten country editors were entertained in Portland by I. N. Fleischer and Henry E. Reed, of the Lewis and Clark Fair corporation. Following a copious shower, the editors, with trousers turned up at the bottom, were taken through the fair grounds, after which they were served an elegant luncheon at the Portland hotel grill room. At the hotel, Director General Goode, also extended the glad hand.

The buildings and improvements at the grounds are progressing at a gait that if kept up warrants their completion by the opening date, June 1, 1905.

In its present stage of completion, there are suggestions of the western grandeur that will dazzle myriad eyes when the fair is opened. Some of the large buildings are now under cover. Others are under course of construction. Drive-ways are being laid out, flowers planted, and the big bridge across the lake is being built. The building that will captivate eastern eyes is the big log building made exclusively of Oregon fir. Huge logs, laid one on top of the other, form the walls, and sections of trees 6 and 8 feet in diameter, form columns within. This immense log house will be a marvel even to many Oregonians and well worth the price of admission.

Already the Fair has become an attraction and is visited by hundreds every day. On one Sunday 3000 people were inside the gates. An admission fee of ten cents is charged which promises to build up quite a fund.

Real Estate Transfers.

Dane Shute and husband to Henekiah Black, 40 acres t 8 s, r 6 w, \$1650.
 E. S. Wilson and husband to Lucy Quivey, lot in Independence, \$60.00.
 G. W. Gardner et al to Wilbur Lewis, lots in Falls City, \$300.00.
 D. F. Hopkins and wife to Blanche Baker, lot in Independence, \$1.00.
 J. R. Marks to Sarah E. Marks, lots in Germantown (Dallas) \$1.00.
 James N. Holman to Martha A. Holman, 480 acres in 8-5 and lot in Dallas, \$1.00.
 Marion Putnam and wife to James B. Putnam, 259 acres in 7-3, \$1000.00.
 James B. Putnam and wife to John H. Putnam, 259 acres in 7-3, \$2500.00.

Hop Market

But little doing in hops since last issue the market keeping up at the 30 to 31 cent mark. F. M. Brown sold 22 bales to C. L. Fitchard at 30 cents Saturday. Thomas Pomeroy sold 76 bales for 30 1/2 to Fitchard. Miles Porterfield sold 107 and J. E. Hubbard 29 bales to C. A. McLaughlin at 30 1/2 cents.

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