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SOME EARLY HISTORY.

PUBLISHED 17 YEARS AGO.

Will Recall the Long Ago to Old Settlers and be of Interest to Those of More Recent Date.

[While running over the files of The Hillsboro Independent of 1890 we found several articles that will make good reading for the people of today, and for that reason republish some of them. The Independent at that time was published by Dr. S. T. Linklater, who is still living here and active in his profession. The paper before us is well printed, full of home and county news, and shows that the doctor was an able newspaper man. The following is from the pen of Dr. William Geiger, who at that time, July 10, 1890, lived at Forest Grove, where a number of his relatives are still living. Dr. Geiger died some eight or ten years ago.—Ed.]

[Continued from last week.]

Our mail facilities were very meager. When I came in 1859, we could send a letter back by the Hudson Bay Co. in the spring of the year and they would take it across the mountains to Montreal, and it was sent from there to its destination, and if there were no misfortune nor delays we would get an answer the next year. Some times we would send a letter by way of the Sandwich Islands or by whaling vessels that might happen to come into the river. But when the mines were discovered in California, the pony express was established, making what we considered wonderfully quick trips. Immigrants would send us letters, but we could not get an answer in return. When the discovery of gold brought large numbers to the Pacific coast, a line of steamers was established by way of the Isthmus of Panama, bringing mail once a month. We thought we were in close communication with our friends then, almost into civilization again. You have no idea of our glee when we were able to get a letter once a month. In our own primitive manner we were enjoying ourselves very well, had our schools and churches established, also our courts of law, etc.

There is one fact that may be of interest to the devotee of science. When I first came here the variation of the compass was about 19 deg. 20 min. east of north and it kept increasing little by little until in 1850, it was 19.5 deg. and in some places 20 deg. That is the first point. The other is that when I first arrived here the climate was dry, with a little cold weather in the winter, and our crops were always put in early. Afterwards it began to change, getting wetter all the while until we thought we should be compelled to leave the country. In the meantime the variation of the compass had changed to about 21 or 22 and in some places it was as high as 22.5 in its regular course east, then when I was country surveyor, I got a note from the observatory at Washington stating that the compass was slightly turning west again. The wet seasons kept up until a few years ago and it is now getting dryer. Now the compass varies about twenty degrees, and the seasons seem to be coming back to where they were then. This may be an important fact in a scientific point of view, and I have watched the matter very closely, noting the different changes that have occurred in the last fifty years and upwards. It may be that we are to have another series of dry years as the compass works westward it may get dryer and dryer until we will have a climate very different from what we have at the present time. During those dry seasons we always had plenty of rain during the winter, and occasionally a winter that the river did not overflow its banks. But we always had enough rain for the early sown grain. The Indians used to tell me that it did not snow any until the white men came to the country. They did not track the elk, consequently they were glad we came so they could track the elk and deer. I do not know whether to believe that or not.

I heard a good many stories about the high water that had been seen several years before I came. The Indians told me that the water at one time had reached half way up the ledge of rocks back of The Dalles. Dick Howe, who was captain of the ship that I went to California in the first time, told me that in 1827 he was in charge of a schooner that drew about eight feet of water and that he ran the vessel up at the hills back of town. That was the highest water on record. The Indians told me that at one time there was a natural bridge at The Dalles and that there was no rapids of any kind there, but one time the two mountains, Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams got into a quarrel and got to throwing fire and stones at each other, filling the river at the Cascades, jarring the earth so much that the bridge at The Dalles fell into the river, making the rapids.

FALLS 40 FEET TO HIS DEATH

H. B. PURDIN DIES OF INJURIES

Four Others Injured—Trestle Collapses and Falls Into Balch's Gulch Near Portland.

Last Friday afternoon H. B. Purdin, Elmer Thompson, Thomas Jewell, Tom Holdsworth and George Brown, the former until two weeks ago a resident of this city, and the latter four of Portland, fell forty feet from the deck of a flume trestle over Balch's gulch, about 200 feet south of Willamette Heights bridge, Portland. Mr. Purdin died from his injuries at Good Samaritan hospital at 2 o'clock that afternoon, never regaining consciousness after the fall. Elmer Thompson was severely injured and had his back broken, Jewell had both legs and arms broken, but will live, and Brown and Holdsworth were less injured. A jury was impaneled Saturday and brought in the following verdict:

"That the deceased, Hugh B. Purdin, came to his death at the Good Samaritan hospital on the 15th day of February, 1907, about 2 o'clock p. m. from the effects of injuries received about 11 a. m. of the same day by falling from the flume bridge under course of construction across Balch's gulch, about 200 feet south of Willamette Heights bridge. From the evidence submitted to the jury, we find that the accident was caused by the slipping of the sling which was improperly adjusted around a 15-foot bent, while same was being raised to a position, said sling being fastened to a hook and tackle, which allowed the bent to fall across the stringers upon which the workmen were standing, causing same to break, precipitating the men 40 feet to the ground below."

And in Wisconsin, Too.

At La Crosse, Wis., recently, the county authorities began an official investigation of charges that girls under 14 years of age are being sold to the highest bidders in the Syrian colony at North La Crosse. The investigation was ordered as the result of an attempt to secure a marriage license for a girl 13 years old. Evidence was submitted that the girl had been bid in for \$300 on behalf of the prospective groom, but that her parents, on receiving a bid of \$450, were attempting to repudiate the first sale.

A news telegram from Green Bay, Wis., says a remarkable incident is recalled by the death of E. J. Newschwander of the Green Bay Advocate, which suspended publication a few weeks ago. He was returning from prayer meeting and fell dead on the street of heart disease. Just nine years ago, at the same hour, and almost at the same spot, his wife, who also was walking home from prayer service, dropped dead of heart disease. Another remarkable feature of the accident is that in neither case had heart disease been suspected. Both appeared in perfect health when death struck them down. Newschwander, however, always mourned the dramatic passing of his wife, and ever after her death, was a regular attendant at prayer service, always walking home by the route she took, no matter what the weather.

Rising From the Grave.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertwell, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Brights disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at all druggists. Price only 50c.

KEEP SHOUTING FOR OREGON

TEACHERS AND PUPILS WORK

Many Cities and Towns Raising Money to Advertise Oregon's Opportunities.

Special Correspondence.
Portland, Ore., Feb. 19th, 1907.
—The enthusiasm which is manifested by the various commercial bodies throughout the state of Oregon, particularly those holding membership in the Oregon Development League, in presenting to thousands of people asking for Oregon facts and opportunities, will certainly result in adding enormously to the population of the state.

Senator Beveridge and Child Labor.

The February number of the Woman's Home Companion contains a comprehensive description of Senator Beveridge's national bill to abolish child labor. The senator tells how he worked in a logging camp at fourteen years of age, beginning before daybreak and ending after dark, and the lessons he learned there served as the present fight against the horror of child labor.

After describing the evil, he adds: "But that is not the worst of it. The worst of it is that pretty soon these children 'come to age.' What kind of citizens do they make? London Hooligans! That is the kind of citizens they make. Each boy and girl of this kind that develops into a man or a woman knows that he or she is inferior to his fellows—inferior in body, mind and soul. They not only feel it, they actually see it. They feel that they have been robbed in some way—not robbed of money or property, but robbed of life, of health, robbed of intellect, robbed of spirit. And in their undeveloped brains, in their weakened hearts, in their cramped and deformed souls the fires of an unextinguishable wrath begin to burn. They go through life hating society, hating everybody and everything. For, while they do not know much, they do know that a system of industry and a state of society has worse than murdered them. There is your material for anarchy. We hear a good many speeches about the danger of anarchists coming to this country from Europe. The truth is that child labor is creating some two hundred thousand grown-up anarchists of native American blood in this country every year.

Did you ever look around you and see what one or two men could do to build up a town, and then did you ever consider whether you were helping along the cause. If one or two men can do much, what can 300 men do if they work as hard as the one or two work. You just think about that Mr. Dead Head.—Oregon Oriano.

Parties having timber lands for sale will find it to their interest to address F. M. Heidel, Hillsboro, Oregon.

daughter of Charles D. Howell, a wealthy shingle manufacturer.

Mr. Purdin's death was due to internal injuries. He also suffered a severe scalp wound and a fracture of the left arm. He was a brother of Lee Purdin, a newspaper man at Ellensburg, Wash., and had several other brothers. He was a member of the Woodman of the World, Camp of North Yakima. His wife is a sister of Hon. W. M. Barrett, of Hillsboro, member of the Oregon legislature from Washington county. He was 42 years old.

Elmer Thompson, whose back was broken in the fall, is engaged to be married at an early date, and his fiancée was at his side as soon as the news of his injuries reached her.

The schools superintendents throughout the state, as well as the teachers are at work, and County Superintendent B. L. Milligan, of Malheur county, suggests that all should get busy and do all possible to stir up the school teachers and pupils to co-operate with the Oregon Development League in advertising our great state and the cheap colonist rates which begin March 1 and continue until April 30th. These rates of \$25 from all Missouri river points, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and adjacent territory, present an opportunity to more than ten millions of people to get to almost any point in Oregon; from St. Louis the rate is \$30, and from Chicago and the surrounding country \$33.

Coming Attractions.

The following attractions are billed at the Crescent theatre with their dates. All of these are said to be first class shows:

February 23—"The Missouri Girl!"
Feb. 27—"Nettie, the News Girl."
March 19—"King of Tramps."
Soon—"Hooligan's Troubles."
March 30—Jubilee Singer's.

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One of the best known citizens of Central Oregon, in conversation on the street in Portland, remarked that the whole state was ablaze with interest on the subject of the colonist rates, which were being utilized now for the first time by all the people of Oregon as a reason for writing letters to their relatives, acquaintances and friends in distant states, to whom they are presenting the opportunities of their particular locality.

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