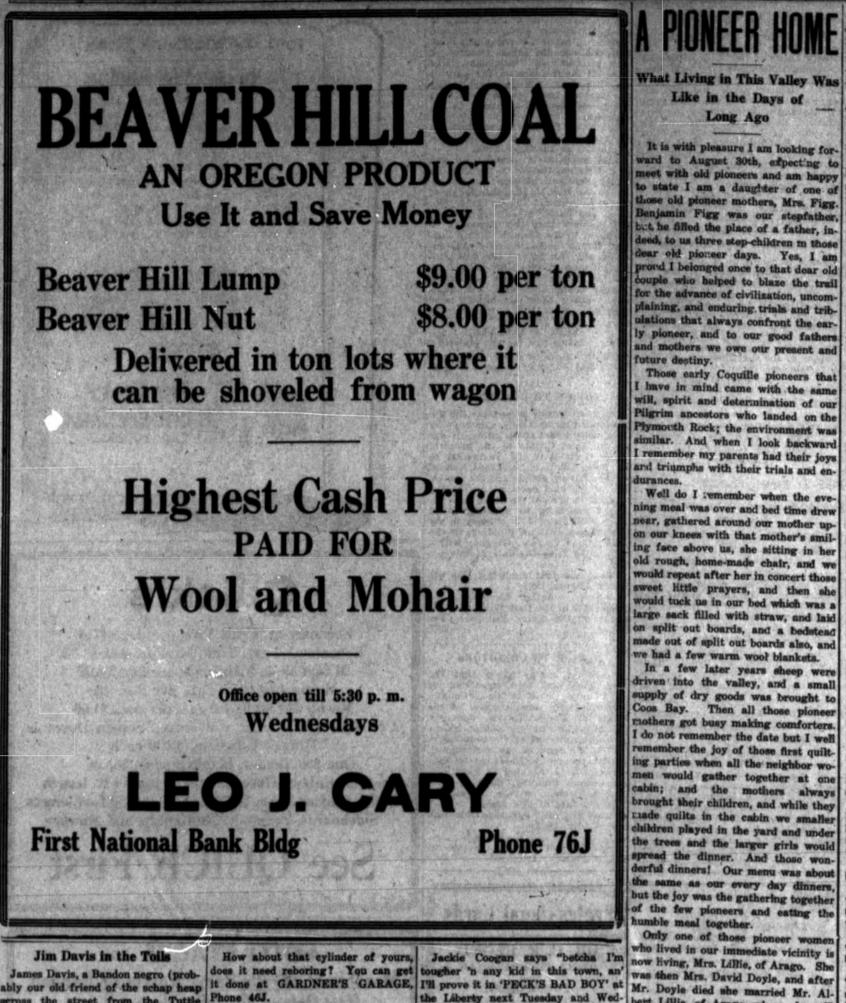


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What Living in This Valley Was Like in the Days of

Long Ago

It is with pleasure I am looking forand to August 30th, expecting to is and am happy ate I am a daughter of one of old pioneer mothers, Mrs. Figg. Figg was our stepfather, filled the place of a father, in to us three stop-children m th ar old pioneer days. Yes, I am ged once to that dear old who helped to blaze the trail advance of civilization, uncom ig, and enduring trials and trib is that always confront the earneer, and to our good father others we owe our present an uture destiny.

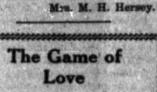
Those early Coquille pioneers that have in mind came with the same vill, spirit and determination of our ligrim ancestors who landed on the hymouth Rock; the environment was milar. And when I look backward remember my parents had their joys rd triumphs with their trials and en-

Well do I :emember when the eve cal was over and bed time drew ear, gathered around our mother up ar knees with that mother's smilabove us, she sitting in her d rough, home made chair, and we ald repeat after her in concert those ttle prayers, and then she tuck us in our bed which was a sack filled with straw, and laid plit out boards, and a bedstead out of split out boards also, and ad a few warm wool blankets. In a few later years sheep were iven into the valley, and a small of dry goods was brought to Bay. Then all those pionee thers got busy making comforters er the date but I well ir the joy of those first quilt g parties could gather together at one and the mothers always rought their children, and while the quilts in the cabin we smalle en played in the yard and under he trees and the larger girls would d the dinner. And those ful dinners! Our menu was about ame as our every day dinner ut the joy was the gathering together

the few pioneers and eating the meal top Only one of those who lived in our in vicinity is now living, Mrs. Lillie, of Arago. She that looked in sat in it, and

ticed the very pretty calico get had on her walls, referring to first wall paper we had eve

Those were my ch have passed away, and so have pa my dear pioneer parents, but the hings and th ever be sacred to me.



By JUSTIN WENTWOOD

"Hugh, by heavens!" Hugh's figure, side by side Lucy's, paced through the dark, and Henry Wilcox watched them so

from the window of his office. At first hideous thoughts filled heart, but then he grew calmer. He had no great passions; all that he had he had bestowed upon those two. It was life. It was what he expected.

He would live on and on great, lonely house, as he had done many years.

Henry Wilcox had never married He had loved in youth and he had been betrayed. All his love had gone out to his nephew, Hugh, whom he had tak-en in childhood from his dissolute brother, and to his ward, Lucy Pendle. He had adopted her, too, when her father, a distant cousin of his, had led. That was years ago. And she had twined herself round his heart.

Lucy was twenty-two, Henry Wil cox was exactly twice her age. had always known the day must come when he would lose her. But he had not expected that it would be Hugh Hugh and she had grown up together from childhood. It was a year since they had met, and now

Well, he had been a fool to those dreams of her. An old fool, for what part had youth with age? 'A mad fool, to dream that Lucy could ever grow to care for him.

They were coming in. He read the happiness in their faces. Lucy came to him and kissed him. She would never know how it seared his heart, that touch of her lips on his.

"Had a good time, young people?" he asked cheerily.

"Pretty good," said Hugh. "By the way, Uncle, you know I'm leaving in the morning? I've got something I want to say to you first."

"Tomorrow morning," said Wilcox, inevitable fate.

And he paced his room for There had been a time when he alost thought that Lucy



ris, just as there That's

ward life. Instead of book, poetry usually. And there she'd sit, wrapped in meditation fancy free, and listening to the other girls hav-

ing a good time with the boy I wonder. I wonder if Elu liked it. She never wanted to do with the men. She was a sacred thing, and only in a lifetime, and if find your love returned your love til you either died or

ar-away look in his eyes, was staying here one nust have been five years ag Elsie just naturally gravitated toward each other. They'd saunter rether into the shade of tree and sit there, with their their hands. First young would read a bit and read a bit-and all the tin young folks were enjoying the in a bealthful, natural way mocks, and walking buggy driving.

Well, what natu Florence Keith came full of spirits, and she hadn' here a day before she fixed Rowell with her basilican stare. when Elsie wandered off with her young Rowell didn't turn He'd taken Florence off to vorks winters in the boller factory. And all that week Elsie was left alone, and at the week-end young Rowell saw Miss Keith on the train as far as Philade own way.

Marry? No, nothing firtation, of course. Maybe Elsle wasn't mad. She didn't eat hardly anything the rest of her stay here, an she used to mope n and read her love p the apple tree.

You know, the same lown here pretty regular year uldn't have a thing to do with the all her own way. Young Oh, he'd gone West. Yes, he Young a rancher's daughter out in Utah. He doesn't appear again in the story. "For the lord's sake, Elsie, why don't you make up to some of the young fellows?" I asked her. I think it was the year after that. "You're good-looking, and you can be bright when you want to. What d'you want to scare 'em off for? They don't want a highbrow. Why, the sight of those books of yours puts the lid on your chances."

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bert Lillie, of Arago, where she still makes her home with her children.

In pioneer days when one neighbo was taken sick other neighbors were sent for to come and take care of the sick and those requested to come were not daunted if the night was dark or the storm was raging.

I recall an instance of one stormy night when Mrs. Nellie Dement, of Myrtle Point, was a baby in our mother's arms, a neighbor boy came and asked mother to come to his sick sister. Hastily dressing, and wrapping her baby warmly, she gave it to the youth to carry and started out to walk two miles over the hill on a foot path. The youth took the lead and on their way they came to a swollen creek with only a foot log to cross over. The log being wet and the wind blowing, mother lost her balance and slipped into the creek. With the assistance of the boy she gained the opposite bank and never once thought of being daunted, but hurried on and when she reached the sick woman's cabin, and after putting on dry clothing, she was ready for duty. And when mother was sick, this neighbor, or some other one, was sent for and they would do all that willing and energetic hands could do to relieve one another in sick-

Church and Sunday school we did not have. Our mother told us of Jesus who died on the cross, and often re peated to us the commandments and, as I stated before, we knelt at her knees and said our prayers.

I think I was about ten years old when the South Methodist church established a Sunday school at Fishtrap and presented me with a New Testament, the first one I ever had the pleasure of touching with my own hands.

The first manufactured furniture and wall paper I ever saw was in a small house that was built on the corner of the block where the Farmers & Merchants Bank is now. Dr. Angel, who all the old settlers well remember. had moved his family to Coquille and Mrs. Angel had brought with her sev-eral upholstered chairs and had the house newly papered. Mother took my sister and me with her to visit Mrs. Angel. After mother was seated Mrs. Angel invited me to sit down and motioned toward one of the spring cushioned chairs. I sat down but sprang up again quicker than I had sat down, feeling sure I had just miss-

He went into the living room. "Good

night, my dear," he 'said, taking her into his arms and kissing her again. "I hope you'll be very happy," he con

Lucy's eyes filled with tears. "Oh, my dear, if you could know!" she

"Now I won't have you crying when you've nothing but happiness in store for you!" suld Wilcox. "You women don't seem to know the differ-ance between smiles and tears."

"They're not always very far from each other, are they, my dear?" Lucy

She looked at him in such a strange way as she went out of the room. He wondered whether she guessed his feeling for her. Yes, women were in-tuitive! Lucy must have known,

He waited for Hugh next morning in is office. Hugh came running, down the stairs, carrying his traveling bag, youthful, vigorous, alert. « "You wanted to see me, Hugh?"

asked Wilcox. "Yes," answered Hugh, looking a

little sheepish.

"It's about Lucy, I suppose?" "It is," said Hugh. There was a sort of strange challenge in his voice. "You want to marry her?"

"No, I don't," answered Hugh, and Wilcox stared at him in astonishment. "I don't understand you," he suid coldly. "I thought you and she cared for each other.

"We do, all right, but not in that way. Uncle Henry. The fact is, we get on each other's nerves dreadfully. But I've been playing gooseberry ever since I came back. You see, Lucy thinks she's in love with another man -but she isn't sure he cares for her, and-between ourselves-I think that's her idea of-sort of encouraging him, because he'll never speak unless he thinks he has a chance." He clasped his aucle's hand. "I guess it's all right, isn't it'r he said. "Good luck." "You infernal scoundrel!" ejaculat.

ed Wilcox. But he could not trust himself to say another word. And he could hardly believe. He waited, watching Hugh's lithe figure disappear down the drive, and then went into Lucy.

"My dear, I'm an old fool, and per haps I misunderstood him. But he gave me to understand that your heart was engaged. Is it?" "Why, my dear, it's been engaged ever since I can remember!" Lucy an-

swered. To-to-"

She put her arms softly about his eck. "And I was sure you cared, and here wasn't any other way, guardian, murmured.

I'll never forget how Elsie looked at me and answered: "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

I hadn't a thing to say to th I let her keep on loving next year, and the next. The fifth year little Florence Keith met her fate. She'd played with the boys' hearts so long. ft was high time she got caught her-self. Young Middleton was the son of the banker of Boston-ever hear of him? Worth a few cool millions, nothing like what some of those bank ers have got. Still, he was a good catch, and the odd thing was, Florence really was crazy over him.

And there was Elsie with her shady book-I mean her book and her shady book-I mean her book and her shady nook, and-next thing that happened was when Florence and Middleton had had a little tiff. I was walking along the creek, and who should I see but Middleton and Elsie, sitting side by side starting into the sitting side by side staring into the po

"I shall never love again," I heard Elsie say in her wistful way. "One life—one love. Ah mel, "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.""

I turned and raced back. "Florence, for the love of Mike get your hooks into him." I gasped. "Elsie Davis is out for battle." out for hattle."

It was too late. Well, what could you expect? They were engaged by supper time, eloped that night, and were married next morning over the state line.

Size of an Atom.

During a lecture delivered before the Royal society in London Sir Oliver Lodge gave a striking lilustration of the incredible minuteness of the atom. The amount of gold in sea water, although very small, seems considerable when stated in atoms, for a single drop of ses water contains 50,000,000 atoms of gold. That stupendous figure, however, indicates merely one fiftieth of a grain in a ton of se water, and it would take 100,000,000 atoms to be visible under a microscope of the highest power.