

**EAST FORK NOTES**

The body of Oliver Train was found last week on Friday by Cecil Dugger about half a mile below where he fell into the river. The newspapers persist in stating that Oliver was drowned in Elk Creek. He was not. He was drowned in the East Fork near the line between Oscar Bunch's place and the Stemmler place. He was working for Bill Olson and when he was drowned, the attempt was being made to get some logs that had come from the camps above out of the way.

Mrs. Marcy had a birthday last week and a birthday shower.

It was in May, 1867, that Alva Harry, John and Joe Brewster, father and son, with five other men went into what is now known as Brewster Valley, from the place on the South Fork that Alva Harry and his wife, who is now "Grandma Laird," settled as a donation claim in 1857, about two and a half miles above Myrtle Point. They went up the North Fork with boats until stopped by drifts, then on to Burton Prairie, where Indians had camped and gone, leaving the salmon on the curing racks; then following the semblance of a trail to the valley of which they had heard from trappers and hunters. John Brewster took up the place now owned by Al Alford; Joe, the place now owned by Ivan and Kenneth Laird. Alva Harry marked a claim by rolling four logs in the form of a square, where Walter Laird now lives.

It was he who named the valley "Brewster Valley." Three years later he and Mrs. Harry (now Grandma Laird), with their five children, Neva, Grant, Belle, Eva and Coll, came into the valley over the trail from Douglas Co., built on the claim and started the Halfway House, which was known far and wide for years as one of the best of stopping places. Mr. Harry died in June, 1874, on one of his trips to Coos River, where they also owned a place. Then it was up to the mother and children to carry on. After meeting a woman in Portland, who was the widow of a Methodist circuit rider and had been on the circuit with her husband in Coos, and hearing her tell about their stopping at the Halfway House run by a widow and a number of children and how she enjoyed those stops in that mountain home, that meeting with the widow of the Methodist minister gave me a real picture of the widow and her children in the Halfway House on the old Coos Bay Wagon Road in the early days and I was glad that I could answer the questions of the Methodist widow concerning that other widow, whom she had known years before in the coast range mountains, and of whom she had such loving remembrances.

Brummit Creek was named for the man who took up the place on the creek, where the Jenkins now live. The Kents, of whom Mrs. W. W. Gage is one, were of the early settlers. Mrs. Meredith who left a monument in the shape of a cleared field of an acre or two, still known as the "Meredith Field," and who is now living in Sumner, was there.

It was some time in the seventies that "Jim" Laird came to the valley. His son, "Jimmie," came in 1880. In due process of time the father married Mrs. Harry and Jimmie married one of the daughters, Miss Belle Harry, and since that time "olive plants" have become trees and trees have yielded more plants and become trees and the trees propagated more plants until Grandma Laird finds herself in her youth at near eight-four with her children and her children's children and her children's children's children about her, one of the best known grandmas of Oregon.

Thirty or more years ago James Benham and his wife commenced to make their home out of a myrtle bottom on Brummit Creek. They did it, and Brewster Valley has been their home throughout all those years and all their children became grandchildren of Grandma Laird, who entered Brewster Valley by the way of the trail of the hunter and trapper and knows the valley in all its ruggedness of pioneer life.

The poem "Brewster Valley" by Frances Holmstrom, of McKinley, published in the Coos Bay Times is a description of the valley seen through a poet's eyes. Read it.

R. A. Easton.

**BREWSTER VALLEY**

Unhood your heads, ye pilgrims who would come  
To worship Beauty. Let your hearts, held dumb,  
Lean to the gorge whose foam-white waters throw  
Spray on old boulders, fallen so long ago  
And sunshine has forgot them. Lift your eyes  
Along far vistas where bright sunlight dies  
In faint blue hazes. Pause, take breath, before  
You step inside the temple, with its floor  
Of meadow-grass, its hoar rock walls built higher

Tier upon tier, by fir-tips that aspire  
Quite up to Heaven, whose priesthood pours the cup  
Full, dripping full, for them that love to sup  
On beauty. Press against the brink  
Lips of the spirit. God doth give the drink.

—FRANCES HOLMSTROM  
McKinley, Ore.

**Brewster Valley**

Walter Laird made his usual weekly trip to Coquille Saturday.

Zephia Krewson went down to Marshfield Tuesday and stayed with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Benham, until Saturday. Mrs. Benham is said to be improving.

Mildred Benham stayed with J. R. Benham last week, keeping house for him.

Miss Parks spent the week end with Mrs. Sorona Lawhorn down at camp.

All of Hailey Laird's family are very much better, except little Phyllis, who still has a very bad looking arm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wison came over from Camas Valley Monday, visited with relatives and returned Thursday.

Lyle Nosler was here in the valley Tuesday selling Fords.

Marshal Alford is home for a while, visiting with his folks and other relatives here in the valley.

Mrs. Ivan Laird is feeling badly again with another bad cold.

Theodore Parks made a business trip to Coquille Saturday, returning Sunday.

While playing at school last Monday Jessie Laird and Alice Jenkins had a collision, bruising Alice's shoulder quite badly. In fact she has had to carry her arm in a sling all week and as it is still quite painful, they are afraid her shoulder might be broken, so are going to take her down to see the doctor.

Myrtle Christensen went to Coquille Saturday, taking Christina to see the doctor.

**Cedar for Bridges**

Port Orford cedar has been substituted for fir in the specifications for the decking of the Harrisburg bridge on the Pacific highway, according to G. S. Paxson of Salem, assistant bridge engineer. Mr. Paxson and L. P. Campbell, assistant state highway engineer, spent the past few days in looking over roads in this section.

The piling for the bridge is also of cedar, the engineer's department is recognizing the value of cedar and its use in bridge work is growing. All the replacement work on the bridges between Marshfield and Coquille is being done with cedar.

Mr. Campbell looked over the road from Coquille to Port Orford and expressed surprise that the highway had stood up as well as it had through the high water and freeze. The dyke road just across the river from Coquille went through one of the worst experiences that could happen to a road, he said, and in spite of that was in fair shape. The department did not expect much of a road during the first year after construction and the condition of the road pleased him much.

He discussed with District Highway Engineer W. E. Chandler the types of equipment for slide removal best fitted for this section. A small steam or gas shovel, capable of being moved easily, may be allotted to this territory.

The state department is to send a man to Coquille soon to look over several old army trucks which the county desires to turn back to the state. The trucks are too old and too costly for the county to operate.

Bids on the grading of the Myers creek-Burnt hill section of the Roosevelt highway in Curry county are to be opened by the highway commission on February 26 in Portland.—Times.

**Kicked Off in Front of Train**

An unidentified man, about 24 years old, was killed instantly by train No. 13 of the Southern Pacific at the northern edge of Eugene at 1 o'clock this morning. The man had beaten his way on the train from Marshfield, says a Monday's press dispatch from Eugene.

Three men had just been put off the train when No. 13, from the north, came by on another track at a rapid rate and struck the unidentified man. The others barely escaped. He was of medium complexion, had brown hair and gray eyes, weighed 165 pounds and was 5 feet, 9 inches tall. He wore working clothes.

It seems to us that the trainmen, who put those hobos off just in front of that onrushing train from the north in midnight darkness were guilty of murderous carelessness—but life seems to grow cheaper every day now, and the man who gets on a railroad train to steal a ride is bound to face unexpected risks.

It will be easier and more pleasant to take your Sunday dinner at the new Coquille Hotel.

**Mining Prospect Near Dole**

What may prove to be the first step in mining operations on a scale that would mean much to southern Douglas county and relatively to Roseburg is contained in the announcement that English capitalists have taken a 30-day option to purchase for \$250,000 the claim owned by George E. Cole, a mile and a half east of the Southern Pacific station at Dole and about sixteen miles south of Roseburg.

The region embracing the Cole property has been prospected more or less for a number of years, chiefly by persons whose means are too limited to prosecute development on a large scale.

The Cole property is of quartz formation, containing gold, silver, platinum and palladium. A recent assay disclosed an aggregate value of \$1168 per ton, platinum predominating in the individual items.—Roseburg News Review.

**Oliver Train Body Found**

The funeral of Oliver Train, 19-year-old logger, who was drowned in the north fork of the Coquille river, was held at Myrtle Point last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Train. Rev. Henry M. Bramham conducted the service. The young man's body was found a short distance below where he fell into the water.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given that from and after the 28th day of February, 1925, Robert R. Watson, Administrator of the estate of Alfred F. Lindegar, Deceased, will sell the hereinafter described real estate, subject to resale and requiring confirmation by the County Court of Coos County, State of Oregon, on the following terms, i. e. for Cash.

Such bids may be made in writing to said Robert R. Watson at the office of his Attorney, S. D. Pulford, in the Robinson Building in Coquille, Oregon. Such real property shall be sold in one parcel.

Such real property is described as follows:

The Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and Lot Four (4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) south, Range Thirteen (13) West of the Willamette Meridian, in Coos County, Oregon.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1925.

Robert R. Watson,  
Administrator.  
S. D. Pulford,  
His Attorney.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament of Harvey H. Stanford, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County, her final account as such

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executrix and the said Court has appointed Monday, the 9th day of February, 1925, as the time for hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Lola M. Stanford-Summers,  
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Harvey H. Stanford, Deceased.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account in the Matter of the Administration of the estate of Isaiah Hacker, deceased, and that the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, has set Saturday, the 31st day of January, 1925, as the day and the County Court Room in the County Court House in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1924.  
Addie G. Hacker,  
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament and of the Estate of Isaiah Hacker, Deceased.

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