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Home Again.

The editor of the Graphic arrived home from Indiana on last Saturday evening after having been absent a month. Twenty-seven years ago the old home in the "Hocsier" state was left behind and a new home made in Oregon, and this visit afforded an opportunity for again shaking hands with many people whom he had not had the pleasure of meeting during this long interval.

In going the trip was made over the Canadian Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul to Chicago, and returning, over the Rock Island, the Denver and Rio Grande and the Short Line. In this way a wide range of country was covered and scenery as fine as any in the country, it was our pleasure to see.

Indiana is a great state, and for general farming and stock raising and manufacturing, it ranks well. The weather was fine while we were there, but the sudden changes of the weather was the cause of our leaving the state years ago, and the same changes prevail during the winter season. It is all right for some people, and as we have said Indiana is a great state. Wherever we have gone we have encountered Indiana people and we have often wondered what would have become of all of us if none had emigrated to other parts of the country.

Those who have been left behind no doubt feel well satisfied with the continued "swarming," and those of us who have gone out from the nest have reason to be satisfied with results. All's well that ends well.

People whom the writer had not met for more than thirty years, recognized him on first sight and said time had dealt so gently with him that little change was noticable. This of course may be charged to the mild Oregon climate and good home cooking—and a clear conscience.

The names of a very large per cent of our old time friends we found chiseled in marble and granite in the old church yard. It almost startled us to find so many of them in a group. It was such a forcible reminder of the passing of time and things earthly.

In making hurried calls on those we knew in other days we dropped in to see the old family doctor. It was he who suggested a change of climate when his medicines failed to produce desired results. He had retired from practice and was "waiting." More time was spent here than at any other home while on our rounds. He had so many things to ask about and he insisted that we should visit him again before we left for home. This was on Thursday afternoon. On the following Monday morning the word came that Dr. A. W. Reagan, the venerable old family doctor of Mooresville was dead. A sudden attack of pneumonia, and another of our old time friends was laid away in the church yard.

The old hickory trees that we had been counting on gathering nuts from to bring home, had all been worked up into buggy spokes and we were disappointed. The paw paw crop was fairly good, however, and we began on arrival to renew our youth. To the grown up man the fat custard pie or the bit of gravy scraped from the skillet with a hot biscuit may not have the same relish that it had for the tow headed boy, but the paw paw is the one fruit that holds its own all along the years, down to old age. There is nothing in the native woods that grows on trees that equals it, and one of these days we will prove the assertion to our Oregon friends.

The old district school grounds were gone over, finding the same school house doing duty and the same spring at the foot of the hill watering the thirsty youngsters. This is one spot that looked very much the same as it did when we played "leap frog," "town ball," "tap hand" and other games, and the same old beech trees are doing duty as "bases" when the youngsters play "black man." How they have grown, the bark covering over the initials and dates that were carved thereon back in the sixties by young hands striving to leave behind them a "shining mark."

How distances have changed! The barn at the old home place appeared to have been moved up a hundred yards nearer the house and the distance between the house and the public road had narrowed down by several yards, while the "hills" in the pasture, where we coasted in the winter season, have been reduced to mere mole hills.

The same old rails that were doing duty in the "worm" fences forty years ago, and that were then old, are still intact separating the flocks. A few of them fail each year and are dropped out for fire wood, and as the fences are gradually reduced in height a barbed wire is strung on top. These fences sink a little lower down each season and they are giving the farms rather a "tacky" appearance. Then since stock is no longer allowed to run at large an undergrowth is growing up that adds nothing to the beauty of the landscape.

Indiana had a big corn crop this season and the prices of stock of all kinds are at the top. For instance fairly good sheep sell at $8 to $10 per head and other stock in about the same ratio. It is easy for a farmer to smile with such conditions prevailing.

A few trips across the country will convince one of open mind that the area of really good territory in the United States is not small by any means. And finally, the man who can't appreciate what we have here in Oregon don't know a good thing when he sees it.

Child Loses Life.

On last Sunday, Geraldine, the little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hodson, died from the effects of burns which she received on Saturday evening.

The cause of the fire will never be known in detail as there was no one in the room when it started except the little girl, but it is supposed that she struck a match which fired the fringe on the bed clothing.

Soon after dusk Mr. Hodson started down town and when he stepped out doors he heard a scream and at once saw a light in a room in the second story of his residence. He immediately entered the house and rushing up stairs opened the bed room door when the chid rushed toward him, its hair and clothing being on fire and the bed clothing all in a blaze. He smothered the flames about the child and threw the bedding out at the window, receiving some severe burns about the hands. The little one was burned some about the head and face, and more severely on the body, but Dr. Littlefield, the attending physician said he thought death came as much or more as a result of the great shock to the nervious system of the little sufferer than as a result of the burns received.

The funeral was conducted from the home on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Isom P. Wooton, pastor of Friend church. Such a death always pulls at the heart strings as few others can, and the sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Railroad Question to Front.

This is the way the Eugene Guard looks at the present situation:

"One of the things that will result from the present financial flurry will be the concentration of public attention upon the railroad problem. The people ought to be able to see now how completely the country is in the grip of the transportation monopoly. Half a dozen railroad magnates possessed of enormous wealth through a system of joint control and combination in competing lines, the issue of vast quantities of bonds and watered stock, which a gullible public has purchased and paid for with good money, are able to hold up the development of the country, to force the nation almost without notice to the verge of a panic by their control of the finances of the United States.

"At the present time the railroad barons, incensed at the administration's attempts to force them to obey the laws and to accept certain salutary regulations, are engaged in teaching the president and his advisors a lesson that they will not soon forget. They have smashed the stock market, terrorized the banks, and clearly jeopardized the business of the country in the midst of the most prosperous era in its history.

"In the West they have refused to build needed extensions, to furnish cars, and last and worst of all, have placed such prohibitive rates on lumber shipments as to close down tight the great saw milling industry of the Northwest.

"All these things are going to make the people think, and when the question has been thoroughly considered a great many more people will believe with Mr. Bryan that the railroads should be owned by the people and operated in their interest instead of being managed solely in the furtherance of private gain amassed from plundering the public."

Real Estate Transfers.

Reported by the Yamhill County Abstract Company, McMinnville.

Lawrence C Slater to D H Karney lt 6 blk 4 Everest add Newberg $900.

Emma Sampson to O D Leefeld lts 1, 2 blk 6 Wheatland $500.

B C Miles and wf to John Ingle lt 1 blk 2 City Park add Newberg $125.

J T Crews and wf to James Pool (guardian) 10 a M Hall d l c t 3 s r 3 $800.

U S to Joseph Leno sw¼ of sw¼ sec 34 t 5 s r 8.

A J Bewley and wf to Herriott McKinley 309 a sec 25, 26, 35, 36 t 5 s r 6 $6000.

Sally Hutchens (by exr) to Ira T Moore and wf 30, 32 a cl 53 t 4 s r 3 $1200.

Geo Braithwaite and wf to Jennie and Hallie Remington tracts 2, 3, 4, 5, Hurleys fruit land sub $1.

Mary T Hurley to Jennie & Hallie Remington tracts 2, 3, 4, 5 Hurleys fruit land sub $1.

Mary Maris and hus to Mark O Martin and wf lt 10 Fairlawn sub $1200.

B W Barber and wf to Josiah Hamnett n½ tract 9 Hurleys sub $250.

A L Holdridge and wf to C O Baxter 40 a cl 55 t 4 s r 3 $2000.

A P Watson and wf to Sarah M Crosby blks 39, 40, 41, 42, 53, 54, 55, 57 Dundee $1.

Paul Fundman to Marcus L Dickson lts 1, 2, 3, 4, blk 8 Fairview add Willamina $190.

Ira L Martin and wf to R O Jones lt 10 blk 3 Jos Watts 1st add Amity $155.

Anna & G V Querner to J F Bashor lt 3 blk 4 Watts add Amity $150.

G V & Anna Querner to Ida A Bashor lts 2, 3, 6 blk 9 Watts 1st add Amity $600.

R T Lowther to Henry Hanson lts 5, 6 blk 5 Hauswirths 2nd add North Yamhill $730.

W C Kruger and wf to D L Bissett lts 1 and 2 blk 21 H & L add to Newberg $1.

James Strange to A R White n½ lts 1, 2, 3 blk 12 La Fayette and small tract adjoining $15.50.

T B Nelson and wf to A R White s 78 ft lt 6 blk 8 La Fayette $700.

R A Stewart to Adam Knobel ne¼ of ne¼ sec 3 t 6 s r 7 $700.

J A Diehl and wf to Wm Grove and wf lts 7, 8, 9, 10 Rural Homes $3950.

C J Clemenson and wf to Frank J Rogers 2½ a cl 55 t 3 s r 2 $2200.

J T Hembree to Walter Smith and wf lts 4, 5 blk 38 La Fayette $225.

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