



Interesting Odds and Ends Concerning the Early Days in Old Oregon.

The first wheat exported from Oregon to Liverpool was shipped from the Willamette Valley by Joseph Watt. It was done as an experiment and the introduction of the now famous Oregon cereal among the "provincial" John Bull millers is interesting. The grains were so plump and large that the consignment was condemned as swelled wheat and sold at half price to be ground for stock feed! Among the purchasers was a miller who soon "came to himself," thereupon slipping around and buying up all the rest of the Oregon shipment of "swelled wheat."

I see that the man in the Oregonian box continues to take some thirteen different kinds of fits every time he thinks of State-ment No. 1, which is some frequently, and is taking it out on the direct legislation movement generally. All of which seems to remind us that big men can easily fulfill the scriptural injunction of "becoming as little children"—in refusing to play at all if they can't lead the game!

Another amusing illustration of this fact is found in the history of Oregon in the days when the Constitutional Convention was preparing a constitution for the new state soon to be. A delegate to the convention from Southern Oregon was Jesse Applegate, one of the most capable and best known of the early pioneers. Conscious of a somewhat superior knowledge of laws and human affairs, he got up a constitution of his own at home which he carried to the convention, thinking, doubtless, to save the other constitution makers a lot of work and worry. But his framework for the new commonwealth struck his colleagues as somewhat strange and peculiar who quite naturally proceeded independently. My authority says that every time the committee reported an article or section to the Convention for consideration, Jesse would promptly arise and pulling his constitution from his pocket, read a corresponding, or rather a non-corresponding section, which he would propose as a substitute, the convention as promptly voting it down. This continued for some ten days. Finally, when one day a particularly pet measure of his was turned down, the worm turned. Picking up his well known, broad brimmed beaver hat, he slammed it down suggestively on the table before him, got up and stalked severely from the convention, never to return. But returning to his boarding place, got his saddlebags, caught his horse in a neighboring pasture, and set out for home, leaving the building of the new ship of state in the hands of a lot of landlubber apprentices! And Harvey, in some way or other, strange as it may seem to you and Jesse, they turned out a pretty fair sailor too, despite the defection of the men who knew all about it!

If I have learned one thing thoroughly in looking through the manuscript stories of the old pioneers, it is the necessity of at all times making allowance for the "personal equation" or individual prejudice. Each has his own viewpoint and from a multitude of clashing and conflicting stories one must proceed cautiously in search of a safe middle ground. For instance, there are Hudson Bay Co. writers and their opponents in trade competition; there are Catholic priests on one hand and rabid Protestants on the other; the English vs. the Americans; the "Mission Par-

ty" vs. the "American Party" vs. the "Independents;" those who hated the Indians as wild and ferocious beasts vs. those who blamed bad whites for the Indian troubles and called for a "square deal" for the natives; those who claimed the Southern Route into Oregon was a royal highway vs. those who execrated it as an endless succession of pitfalls to destruction; pro-slavery settlers vs. anti-slavery, unionists vs. rebels; republicans vs. democrats in the days "which tried men's souls." Especially must the political bias be taken into consideration when one pioneer politician gives an estimate of his contemporary opponent, or colleague either for that matter. For instance, one very prominent early politician in doing the right thing by a well known leader of his own party assures us that "he was not self-made but God-made!" But a leader on the other side, who became a national character, he slurs over easily with the single remark that "he wasn't much of a statesman!" But of course, as long as human nature is human, this is to be expected. To illustrate—we would hardly go to the valuable Senator Fulton for a reliable "character" of F. J. Heney to hand down to future generations, though a very warm product it would be. Hardly either could we depend on the aforementioned Harvey W. Scott for a "good and true story" of one W. S. U'Ren of initiative and referendum fame.

When the ship Lausanne, bringing a re-inforcement of workers for the Methodist mission on the Willamette, arrived at the mouth of the Columbia, May 20, 1840, no regular pilot was at hand to take the ship up the river to Vancouver. An Indian named "King George" was found who took the helm and the slow, cautious voyage up the Columbia was begun. In the meantime the captain had sent on ahead to Vancouver asking Dr. McLoughlin to send them a pilot. In answer a negro appeared named "George Washington," and, history repeating itself, he supplanted "King George." History failed to repeat thoroughly, however, for within a half hour the new pilot had run the ship aground, which prompted the very unkind remark from King George the copper colored that George Washington was a very good cook's mate, but no pilot. The royal gentleman resumed his post of responsibility, and proceeding slowly but more surely, moored the Lausanne at Vancouver on June 1, ten days being thus occupied in the short river journey.

In one of my classes the other day, in calling attention to how very recent is the development of transportation, which has revolutionized human relations, the professor made the remark that it was much easier to move a ton of freight overland one hundred miles in the time of Julius Caesar than it was at the time our nation was founded. We need no better illustration of how fast the world has moved, within the past generation even, than to note the facilities for communication which the early Oregon pioneers had with their people in the east. This communication was through the Hudson Bay Co. Express, which made an annual trip eastward. A letter entrusted to it went first, to the Co.'s York "factory" or establishment on Hudson Bay, thence to Montreal, then across the Atlantic to London then back to New York! A reply to a letter within eighteen months was considered as good time. J. L.

Parrish, a well known missionary, says that not until 1849 did he get a letter from the east that was less than a year old; and that he paid \$1.50 postage on a letter from his sister from New York which came by way of Panama. He declares the Hudson Bay Co. to have been very liberal with the settlers, sometimes charging no postage whatever on a letter. All papers came via Sandwich Islands where they would pile up for months before being dispatched onward to their eagerly waiting readers who didn't "take more papers already than they got read."

One pioneer gives to one Richard Macray rather an unenviable distinction. He says he made the first whiskey in the country—in a canyon below Oregon City. The last few words are significant because under the early government there was a prohibition law. And the fact that this pioneer blind still was soon torn down by Deacon Hatch and Dr. Elijah White indicates that prohibition prohibited too, even in those distant days. As to the nature of the product turned out, or down, my informant volunteers the information that it was "tolerable stuff," made out of shorts, wheat and molasses.

Big Publicity Meeting.

Duncan's Hall in this city was packed to the doors Tuesday afternoon by people gathered from the town and country for the purpose of organizing to take part in a big scheme for advertising to the world the possibilities for profitable investment in Yamhill County. A County Development League was recently organized for this purpose, and the meeting Tuesday was held for the purpose of co-operating and boosting for the interests of the whole county.

Tom Pichardson, William Bittle Wells and Mr. Jackson, of the Harriman lines, failed to connect with the morning train out of Portland, but rather than fail to show up at the meeting they took the interurban car to Taualatin; where they connected with a hand car, which they pressed into service and came on the remaining 15 miles by special train, arriving in time to make rousing speeches.

The opening speech was made by M. O. Lowndale, president of the County League, who stated that the league was organized not only for the purpose of advertising the resources of Yamhill County, but also for the purpose of engaging in a campaign for better roads, for the destruction of the miserable farm fences that prevail in many places, for clearing up the old orchards and for all-around civic improvement in order to give the homeseeker a more favorable impression when he comes into the county looking for an investment.

William Bittle Wells followed with a talk in which he outlined a plan for getting out a 60-page illustrated book for publicity for the county, which met with the hearty approval of the large crowd present, and as a result of the meeting Newberg will organize and co-operate with other parts of the county in raising funds for exploiting in this way the wonderful resources of old Yamhill.

Editor Hammerly of the News-Reporter, of McMinnville; Jas. Reeves, of the Board of Trade Journal of Portland; Mr. Jackson, of the advertising department of the Harriman lines, and Tom Richardson, all made telling speeches, and the meeting will be fruitful of good results for the county.

Dundee.

Mr. Spooner went to Portland on Saturday evening's train to the hospital for treatment for a bad carbuncle.

W. S. Allan's have a fine boy born Thursday.

Rev. Alford has bought the old Parrott house and is moving it up by the church for a parsonage.

The item regarding the number taken into the M. E. church recently should have read 67.

Tobacco heart probably kills more people than broken heart.

Marriage Licenses.

- Bell Laughlin, age 30 years, to R. C. Downey, age 24 years.
- Edith Pengra, age 21 years to H. H. C. Rookes, age 22 years.
- Edith Gilbert, age 19 years, to Weaver Williams, age 25 years.
- Hannah Fleming, age 45 years to Samuel A. Gross, age 77 years.
- Mamie McDonald, age 23 years, to Clifford R. Watson, age 24 years.
- Eva Brunton, age 22 years, to Ora E. Karney, age 25 years.
- Ella N. Hoffman, age 19 years, to J. H. Nickerson, age 26 years.
- Belle C. Anderson, age 23 years, to Antony Havlick, age 31 years.
- Alma Brandel, age 22 years, to Gottfried Lerch, age 23 years.
- Sarah J. Chrisman, age 38 years to Jas. L. Fletcher, age 43 years.

Real Estate Transfers.

- C J Clemenson & wf to A J McGowan; 11 in Claims 71 & 73, T 3 & 4 S R 3 W; \$4800.
- Jesse Edwards & wf to Milo P Elliott; lots 9 & 10, blk 1. 2nd Add Newberg, \$400.
- Bank of Newberg to W W Smith; 2.35 acres, and n 1/2 blk 57, Lafayette; \$662.
- Catherine Wind & hub to B H Miller; 0.687 acre in Methew Hall D L C T 3 S R 3 W; \$25.
- Chas K Spalding Logging Co to F S Estep; lots 5 and 6, blk 23, Newby's Add McMinnville; \$1000.
- Mary F Hurley to Amos Graves; tract 47, Hurley's Fruit Land Subd; \$1.
- Amos Graves & wf to Emery C Chamberlain; part lot 47, Hurley's Fruit Land Subd; \$10.
- Anna McDonald & hub to Ella S Krake; 5 acres in J B Rogers D L C in T 3 S R 2 W; \$2100.
- L M Smith & wf to H R Morris & wf; part lot 2, blk 9, Deskins Add Newberg; \$500.
- United States to Mabel Sykes; 40 acres in sec 13, T 4 R 6 W.
- Geo W Sallee et al to R J Sallee; 71.18 acres in secs 29 and 32, T 2 S R 3 W; \$1.
- W R Carter to John T Carter; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, blk 48, Edwards Add Newberg; \$480.
- E H Woodward & wf to Wm Grove; lots 8, 9, 10, part 7 Rural Homes No 2; \$1.
- John U Smith to Fred Blanchard; 14 acres in S & M Smith's D L C T 3 S R 2 W; \$630.
- Mary I Skowron to Arza A Noble; 105.87 acres in Jno Brisbane D L C, T 2 S R 3 W; \$3040.88.
- W H Games & wf to Chehalem Orchard Co; lots 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, Newberg Orchard Assn Plat No 1; \$700.
- Anna D Christopher to M G Markell; lots 3 4, blk 1, Springbrook; \$200.
- Chas. Clough & wf to Frank E Lyon; 20 acres in J H Hess D L C in T 3 S R 3 W; \$3000.
- Frank E Lyon (by heirs) to A B & E G Lyon; 20 acres in J H Hess D L C, T 3 S R 3 W; \$1.
- Nelson B Winter & wf to John Sweetman; 2.75 acres in J B Rogers D L C, T 3 S R 2 W; \$750.
- Jesse M Edwards to C F Livenood; lots 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, blk 43, Dundee; \$350.

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