

Pioneers and Pioneer Life In Bend and Central Oregon

The life of John Y. Todd is recorded in this first article of The Bulletin historical series.

This is the first of a series of articles and stories of the pioneer days of the upper Deschutes, which will appear regularly in The Bulletin. In opening the series, no more appropriate subject could be chosen than a story of the life of John Y. Todd, pioneer cattleman of Central Oregon.

Todd spent ten years of his eventful life on a ranch where now one of Bend's important industries is carried on. Already a prominent man in Oregon, his success in the cattle business here brought other settlers to this territory. His foresight brought about the construction of the first bridge across the Deschutes, opening Central Oregon to wagon travel. It was said of him that he had slept more nights under the stars and rode horseback more miles than any other man in the west. Bend is fortunate that such men were among those who blazed the way for the developments which have come.

For the following account of Todd's life, The Bulletin is indebted to his son, John C. Todd, postoffice employe here.

John Y. Todd was born October 20, 1830, in Carroll county, Missouri. At the age of 17 he left home at the call for volunteers for the Mexican war. Returning home, he again crossed the plains to California in the gold rush of 1849, and in 1852 came to Oregon by water, and settled at LaFayette, Yamhill county.

At that time there were no threshing machines in Oregon. Grain was threshed either with flails or by allowing the stock to trample on it. Todd, with two partners, Odie and Orton, organized a firm to build wheat fanning machines at LaFayette, Odie and Orton having had experience in building them before coming west. Todd undertook the selling end, and in the course of his efforts became acquainted with practically all of the early settlers of the Willamette valley.

Then the Jacksonville mines opened, and Todd, seeing the chance to make money, with flour selling at the mines at \$50 a sack, got together a pack train of mules and transported supplies to the mines.

These operations were cut short by the outbreak of the Yakima Indian war in 1855. Todd joined a company which was recruited in Yamhill county, and because of his experience, was delegated to purchase and transport supplies and equipment. This was a problem, for not only were supplies hard to get, but the Indians acquired a habit of playing havoc with the pack trains, which at best were scarcely able to keep up with the chase after the Indians.

As a result, many a horse carried a rider all day and then served as food for the men at night.

Toward the close of the war, Captain A. J. Hembree of the Yamhill company was killed by the Indians, and Todd was one of those delegated to transport the body back to Yamhill county. This was a difficult task, the trip being undertaken during the winter.

The next spring, 1856, the Yakima war having ended, Todd was married to Mary H. Campbell, the eldest daughter of Alexander Campbell, who had crossed the plains in 1847, in the same ox train with one of the men who was killed and three of the girls who were captured by the Indians at the time of the Whitman massacre, having stopped at the Whitman mission to help convert and teach the Indians.

In 1857 Alexander Campbell moved his family to The Dalles.

JOHN Y. TODD



Central Oregon Pioneer for Whom Todd Lake, Formerly Lost Lake, Was Named.

Todd's wife accompanied them, while Todd, with his old partners, Odie and Orton, drove a large band of cattle to Wasco county from the Willamette valley, by way of the Barlow trail. On Ten Mile creek they established a ranch and the OTO brand (Odie, Todd & Orton), which within a few years was known from the Columbia to the headquarters of the Deschutes, flourished for 40 years and is still in existence.

Odie and Orton found the country too wild for their liking and dropped out. Todd continued, and making his headquarters at The Dalles, became identified with the early development of that city. He had belonged to the first Masonic lodge of Oregon at LaFayette, and was a charter member of the lodge at The Dalles. At the time of his death, Todd had been a Mason for 65 years.

The hard winter of '61 and '61 almost exterminated Todd's cattle, which had been grazing in Tygh valley; so with a partner he built the bridge now known as Sherar's, the first bridge across the Deschutes, opening Central Oregon to wagon traffic.

Todd traded his interest in the bridge to Sherar for a pack train of mules; for the Canyon City mines had opened, and again, as he had done eight years before, he freighted in four to be sold at \$50 a sack, making a stake to re-enter the cattle business. First, however, he bought the first band of sheep in Central Oregon, black Spanish sheep which had been driven in from California. Todd drove them to Idaho and sold them, then returned and bought cattle, making his ranch at Oak Grove, now Wapinitia, where a small butte was named after him.

Early in the '70s, or possibly in 1869, Todd came to "Farewell Bend," buying the preemption claim of Dee Springer for \$300—the ranch later known as the Sisemore place, and now occupied by the Brooks-Seaton Co. plant.

The name "Farewell Bend" was applied to this point for the reason that it was the last place the Deschutes river was seen on the way from the Klamath country to Prineville, then the only settlement in Central Oregon.

That there would ever be a city where Bend now stands was not dreamed of. The stockmen had some respect for the lakes, but had little use for the timber—it was a little shade in summer, but took up too much room and kept the grass from growing.

Here Todd made his last stand in the handling of cattle on a large scale, making one drive of 3,000 head of beef cattle to Cheyenne, in 1880, this being before the railroads were completed into the northwest.

The cattle were rounded up, starting from The Dalles, every animal in Central Oregon that was fit for beef being taken, as well as all which were on the market throughout the territory of the drive, including the Teal & Coleman herd of this section. The drive started in the spring, Cheyenne being reached about Christmas of the next winter.

Blackleg attacked the herd, and other misfortune caused the drive to be a financial disaster, but it created a market for small stock owners where none had existed before. Todd was forced to sell all of the stock under his brand on the range adjacent to Farewell Bend, and also the Farewell Bend ranch, in order to pay for cattle turned into this drive. The cattle went to Breyman & Summerville of Prineville for \$15,000, and the ranch, now worth many times as much, to John Sisemore for \$1,500.

In 1882 Todd bought a ranch on the Ochoco, the land which is now

occupied by the Ochoco reservoir, raising cattle on a smaller scale. He paid \$3,500 for this ranch, selling it for \$4,000 five years later. About 1915 the same land was condemned at an appraisal of \$28,000, to be used as a part of the reservoir.

Todd used the Squaw creek and Metolius river sections for summer range, and the Ochoco ranch for winter feeding, this being the first time in his cattle experience that he fed them through the winter, for in those days bunch grass grew tall, and stockmen trusted to luck. If deep snow came, they were all broke in the spring.

In 1889 Todd sold out all of his interests in Central Oregon and moved back to the Willamette valley; but the lure of the sage brush was too strong for him to overcome; so he was soon in the employ of an eastern firm as cattle buyer on an expedition to Montana. The second summer he bought 3,000 head of cattle in Oregon, including 1,000 from the Deschutes river section. These cattle were driven to Ontario, the shipping point for eastern points before the railroads were built up the Deschutes.

Later Todd established a ranch in the Cloverdale district, near Sisters, and brought into this section the first full blooded Hereford cattle for a number of leading stockmen. Many years before, while located on Squaw creek, Todd had seen the need for stock, and had brought from the Willamette valley a blooded animal to head his herd, shipping him by boat to The Dalles. After the tedious drive up the Deschutes, he turned the valuable animal over to his cowboys with instructions to keep him in a different part of the range from his predecessor, until he should become acclimated.

But the cowboys were more interested in bull fights than in blooded stock. They arranged a meeting to determine which animal should be boss of the range. A battle between the two lasted for over half a day on Squaw creek. Then the newcomer started to retreat. The champion pursued, and the two disappeared into the timber.

The blooded animal was never seen again. Perhaps he ran off the edge of a bluff. The cowboys did not tell Todd what they had done, but whether he suspected their part in it or not, he got revenge; for he kept them hunting for the missing animal all summer whenever they had nothing else to do.

The final years of Todd's life were spent at the homes of his children in Central and Western Oregon, with an occasional stay at the Soldiers' home at Roseburg, to which he had access. He was buried in his 89th year at The Dalles. His wife still lives at LaFayette, with his eldest son, William D. Todd. He has three daughters, Mrs. Anna Springer, in

Portland, Mrs. Eva Bennett, at Madras, and Mrs. Emma McEldowney, at Ballston. The youngest son, John C. Todd, is parcels postman in Bend.

CARLON PROCLAIMS WAR AGAINST WEEDS

New City Ordinance to Be Made Basis of Campaign to Abate Nuisance.

Under a recently passed ordinance an anti-weed campaign was started Monday by Fire Chief Tom Carlon who declares that the presence of rank growths of weeds in various parts of the city is not only a fire hazard, but is also seriously handicapping property owners who are putting in lawns.

The ordinance provides a fine and jail sentence as penalties for violation.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Oregon, July 3, 1922.

Notice is hereby given that Marie A. Renno, deserted wife of Philemon E. Renno, of Bend, Oregon, who, on November 28th, 1917, made homestead entry No. 019457, for W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 9, Township 18 South, Range 13 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, United States Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 22nd day of August, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Otis C. Henkle, William P. Dorn, Walter S. Hoots and Benjamin Alsop, all of Bend, Oregon.

The entryman, Philemon E. Renno, is notified that, by submission of said proof, his wife, Marie A. Renno, seeks to obtain patent for the land in her own name.

J. W. DONNELLY, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that he has made and filed with the County Clerk of Deschutes County, Oregon, his final account as administrator of the estate of Annie M. Shonquest, deceased, and that said court has set Saturday, the 29th day of July, 1922, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the County Court room in Bend, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing and settlement of said final account, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and object to said settlement.

Dated this 28th day of June, 1922.
FRED A. SHONQUEST,
As Administrator of the Estate of Annie M. Shonquest, Deceased.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Oregon, May 16, 1922.

Notice is hereby given that Jessie A. Stockwell, whose post-office address is 604 Harriman street, Bend, Oregon, did, on the 12th day of October, 1921, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 022,525, to purchase 19 south, range 12 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, at \$100 the timber estimated 40,000 board feet at \$2.00 per M, and the land \$20; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 25th

day of July, 1922, before H. C. Ellis, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Bend, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.
J. W. DONNELLY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION— ISOLATED TRACT.

PUBLIC LAND SALE.

Department of the Interior.

U. S. LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Oregon, May 18th, 1922.

NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the

General Land office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Flora E. Hartley, of Tumalo, Oregon, Serial No. 022484, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.50 per acre, at 10:45 o'clock A. M., on the 27th day of July, 1922, next, at this office, the following tract of land: NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 8, Tp. 14 S., R. 11 E., W. M.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections on or before the time designated for sale.
T. C. QUEEN, Receiver.

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