



Billy and Me.

Editor RECORDER: At the beginning of the first work on the Coquille river, the Baltimore Colony, which arrived here the latter part of May, 1859, made an agreement between its members that the single men should help the married men to build log houses for their families, and aid in clearing some land and to fence it, so that without loss of time the first gardens could be planted.

Thus it came that I was to become a helper to Mr. Volkmar.

About two miles from Volkmar's land lived a certain George Harris, and with him another man by name of Billy Leng.

Both of these men had been sailors; a short time before they landed here, they deserted from a sailing vessel about fifty miles from land.

To accomplish their departure, one night they lowered a boat with some provisions, water and necessary oars. The weather and wind were favorable and soon they entered the mouth of the Coquille river; thence they rowed up stream and were persuaded by Abraham Hoffman to locate and preempt a quarter section of land opposite his place.

Billy Leng was not a tall man, but a powerful one, and being close to where Volkmar was, the latter hired him to help do whatever work was to be done. I was sent with Billy to do whatever he said. Unfortunately I never before was in need of using an axe; bodily I was light and no match to Billy. My efforts were ridiculed by Billy; this was kept up until my temper called a halt. The result was that he gave me a bad unbearable name; I returned the same, and Billy raised a heavy mallet to strike me; I had an axe in my hand and told him to hit well or I would go for him.

For a moment he looked at me, then dropped the mallet; but before going away said to me—"The next time I see you out hunting we settle this matter in another way." Volkmar could not spare either one of us, so each one had to work alone and apart.

Saturday, after dinner, I quit my work, shouldered my gun, and started out to try and kill some fresh meat.

Leisurely I slipped through the bushes, came to the first hill near Catching creek and made my way up to the ridge from where I could see down into the bottom of the creek. There were plenty fresh tracks but so far I had not seen any game, so I sat down to wait for something to stir.

Shortly after I had left Volkmar's Billy also took his gun and a dog belonging to him, and started out in the same direction I had gone. Coming near the creek the dog began to scent and both went over a low spur into the creek bottom. The dog, Carlo, in the lead jumped upon a large fallen log, and the next moment a good sized bear rose and with the paw sent the dog howling over the low bushes. Billy raised the rifle, aimed at the eye but the same moment the bear had moved. The bullet struck too low and broke the jaw. It knocked the bear down; however, he rose again to follow up the attack. Billy had loaded again and as the bear came over the log, another shot fired broke the bear's arm. Again he fell, again he rose up.

By this time bear and hunter were not more than twenty steps apart. Billy, seeing that he could not load right for want of time just dropped a bullet on top of the powder with out a patch. Again he shot and the bear fell, but struggled up on his haunches and in that position advanced.

Billy called for help. Help? there was not another person in the neighborhood of miles around, but my-

self. As soon as I heard the howling of the dog and the firing of the first shot, I started down the hill, not thinking of Bill. When the second shot was fired I began to run towards the creek, expecting any moment to see some game. The next shot and the call for help made me forget anything but to help; I plunged from the creek bank into the water, waded through it, and just as I came up on the other side, the bear rose trying to crush Billy; without losing a moment, I ran up to the bleeding, infuriated animal to where he stood before Billy, upon his hind feet, blood squirting from the jaw which hung down, the eyes gleaming revengefully, the ears lying flat against his head, one fore arm hanging down; one stroke with the sound arm would have ended Billy. I called to him to step aside; in less than a second I was there; shoving my rifle against the breast below the shoulder I pulled the trigger, a loud crack, and the bear fell down never to rise again. And! the concussion of the gun with the muzzle close by the body of the bear had sent me the other way; no harm done, only a little jarred by the shock; I got up. There we stood; neither had a shot in our guns. We looked at one another; Billy was rather pale; he held out his hand, saying "Pohl, let us be friends!" So we shook hands. We became friends for good, and for years we were together and never a cross word.

Before we left we looked up Carlo who was in a bad fix; Billy tore off his shirt and bandaged him and then carried him to the water, we left some bear meat for him and then went homeward.

A few days later Carlo came home and by and by got well. POHL

Railroad from Roseburg.

President J. W. Perkins, of the Roseburg Commercial Club, announced this afternoon that a public meeting will be held at the club rooms Tuesday evening to consider the proposition of J. Arnold Doyle and his associates in regard to the building of a railroad between Roseburg and the coast. The substance of this proposition was published verbatim in Friday's Review. His offer seems to be that his company offers to build such railroad provided the citizens of Roseburg will guarantee to pay them a bonus of \$100,000 when the road is completed. As a number of matters must be considered in connection therewith, Mr. Doyle may be here at that time. He has been advised by wire that this meeting is to be held on that date, if his proposition is found to be backed by a sufficient guarantee; many people seem to think there will be no great difficulty in securing subscriptions to the amount of \$100,000, payable after the road is completed. Roseburg property now has an assessed valuation of over \$2,000,000. Five per cent. of that valuation is \$100,000. Every one will admit that a railroad from here to the coast will increase property values several times five per cent.—more likely upwards of fifty per cent., which would make it a splendid investment. Everybody is urged to attend this meeting next Tuesday night and express their views regarding this offer of Mr. Doyle.—Roseburg Review.

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FINANCIAL SCHEME FOR GYMNASIUM

Can Be Secured With One Mill Tax on Property in School District

In the discussion of the advisability of constructing and equipping a gymnasium for the accommodation of our school. No one, even of the opposition has denied the wisdom of such an expenditure. The problem is one entirely of funds. It is contended, and the contention is a laudable one, no person will deny, that the present indebtedness of \$25,000 with its attendant 15 mill rate of taxation is as heavy encumbrances as our present sources of wealth will admit. Taxation is the most oppressive public requirement to which the people are asked to submit. They cannot be chastised for exhibiting a strong tendency against its extremes. But we should say with greater emphasis that the welfare of our five or six hundred school children should not be lost sight of. The marshaling and physical development of so great a number presents problems that cannot be ignored or given a secondary place in the discussion of public school utilities. The highest ambition of the proud parent is to see in their boys and girls full rounded out and well equipped personalities. Such parents do not have to be persuaded that such process is expensive or that the end justifies the means. Nor will such deny the charge necessary to such accomplishment. Those advocating the gymnasium claim that it will entail an expenditure of about \$4000 which sum can be raised by a 5 mill tax. It has been suggested that interest bearing time warrants can be issued the last of which may be redeemed in 1917 at a very nominal levy for each intervening year. The following table has been prepared to illustrate the comparative ease with which the required sum can be raised:

Year, 1912, valuation, \$825,000, levy, 1 mill, amount raised, \$825.00, interest, \$240.00, sinking fund, \$585.00.

Year, 1913, valuation, \$900,000, levy, 1 mill, amount raised, \$900.00, interest, \$240.00, sinking fund, \$660.00.

Year, 1914, valuation, \$975,000, levy, 1 mill, amount raised, \$975.00, interest, \$240.00, sinking fund, \$735.00.

Year 1915, valuation, \$1,050,000, levy, 1 mill, amount raised, \$1,050.00, interest, \$240.00, sinking fund, \$810.00.

Year, 1916, valuation, \$1,150,000, levy, 1 mill, amount raised, \$1,150.00, interest, \$240.00, sinking fund, \$910.00.

Year, 1917, valuation, \$1,200,000, levy, 1/2 mill, amount raised, \$600.00, interest, \$120.00, sinking fund, \$480.00.

At the last date all indebtedness incurred in the construction of the new school house except the \$17,000 bonds will have been eradicated, and we will be ready to approach the bonds with no other encumbrance. It will be observed that these figures do not contemplate any exigencies that may grow out of an increasing population. They do not anticipate the construction of other buildings to relieve the congestion incident to the population we hope to acquire in such space of time. However any alarm that may arise from this source is dispelled by the fact that the district still has the old school house which in itself is quite

SCHOOL PROGRAM BIG SUCCESS

Grand Theatre Packed to Its Capacity at Performance Last Night

The school program given at the Grand Theatre last night was one of the best entertainments ever put on in this city, and the house was packed to its capacity with dozens of not hundreds standing in the rear of the building.

To review the entire program and mention all the good points would be an impossibility, for of the four-teen numbers on the program, every one was of high standard and reflect great credit upon the pupils and those who had their training in charge.

The music, recitations, drills, tableaux, pantomimes, and, in fact, all parts of the program were excellent and highly entertaining, and the constant applause from the audience showed how much they were appreciated.

The orchestra and motion pictures were also excellent and the entire program rounded out a fine evening's entertainment.

Programs at The Grand.

To-night, Friday, February 23rd. "The Cowboy Coward"—An Essany Western Drama, featuring G. M. Anderson.

"Who Owns the Baby?"—a Lubin Film. It's good.

Saturday, February 24th. "The Husking Bee"—a Vitagraph Rural Comedy, featuring Miss Lillian Walker.

"The Mother's Remorse"—American Pathe Drama.

Sunday, February 25th.

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Church Notice.

Dr. White, Superintendent of the American Baptist Publication Society on the Pacific Coast, will preach in the Baptist church in Bandon at 7:30 p. m., Monday, Feb. 26th. All are invited to attend.

respectable and with the expenditure of a nominal sum can be made to accommodate several hundred students.

The question still lives. It may be resubmitted and overthrown but it will not be crushed no more than the question of fuel or water or ventilation any of which may be improperly used or entirely neglected for the short space of time that the boys and girls are on the premises, but no one will advocate removing them from the building. All teachers everywhere are in favor of the gymnasium which is one of the strongest arguments in its favor. Who but they are so well qualified to speak of its utility. We hold that they are the highest authority upon all subjects of education and they know it as the farmer his soil, the mechanic his machine, or the orator his audience. No voter will make a mistake by taking their combined contention as his, at least as a basis for the fair argument of the question.

Important State News.

Portland, Or., Feb. 20, (Special)—Reports from various points in the state indicate that the Country Life Education Week movement, as outlined by State Superintendent Alderman and the Oregon Development League, is being observed very generally, and is arousing much enthusiasm.

The Salem Commercial Club celebrated with a farmers' dinner at the Hotel Marion on Thursday. The entire afternoon was given up to addresses and discussion by members of the Board of Trade and visiting farmers of the county. Governor West and President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, were the principal speakers.

At Dayton the Commercial Club appointed Miss Harriet Starr, secretary of the Club, to organize the work with the principals and teachers of the schools, and to interest the parents in the work.

At Klamath Falls the county and city superintendents of schools and members of the Commercial Club joined in a public meeting to plan for the garden competition and for giving the idea special prominence at the fair next fall.

At Adams the Commercial Club and school directors have combined to introduce agricultural and industrial contests in the schools. A premium list was arranged and supervisors for the different branches of the competition named. A public meeting was held on Thursday afternoon.

The Baker Commercial Club made the subject a special order of business at its meeting Wednesday evening.

On Friday evening of Country Life Education Week, the farmers of Sherman County gave a banquet to the merchants of Moro to which the business men of The Dalles and Portland were invited. Only Sherman county products were served at the dinner.

At Portland the committee on garden contests in the public schools arranged for two contests, one for early vegetables and one for the later varieties. A special exhibition will be held in the Armory on June 15-16, the last days of the Rose Festival. One hundred prizes will be offered. A silver cup will be awarded to the school winning the first prize, and it will become the permanent property of the school. The contestants are to be divided into two classes—those over and those under 13 years of age.

At Mosier a joint meeting of the local Horticultural Society, the school officials and the Commercial Club was held on Friday evening, at which time plans for developing the Country Life idea were perfected.

At Prairie City a plan is under way to interest the county schools with the schools of the city in the movement.

Governor West, in addition to his other activities in connection with Good Roads Week, on Wednesday talked to the citizens of Portland from the vantage point of dry goods boxes on street corners. The Governor has also offered a prize of a mail-delivery wagon to the rural carrier who would send him the best 250-word letter and photographs descriptive of the roads over which he regularly travels. He also spoke before the Portland Ad Club. The Rotary Club of Portland authorized the appointment of a committee of ten to aid in securing signatures to initiative petitions.

L. C. Smith, chairman of the executive committee of the Newport Commercial Club, walked the entire distance of 125 miles from Newport to Portland in order to ascertain the most desirable route for an automobile road between the two points.

A Straw Vote.

The Kansas City Star has been conducting a straw vote for president, sending postal cards to all parts of the United States, asking people to express their preference regardless of party, and if this straw vote is any criterion from which to judge, "T. R." certainly has the edge on the whole bunch and can give them cards and spades and then win out.

Here is the result of the Star's straw vote, and it gives Teddy a majority of 4,785 to date, over all competitors:

Roosevelt	79,618
Clark	15,726
Bryan	15,196
La Follette	9,126
Taft	8,994
Wilson	8,026
Folk	7,665
Debs	3,427
Harmon	2,667
Cummins	1,168
Underwood	621
Foss	103
Scattering	2,141
Total	154,478

Coming to the Orpheum.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 28th and 29th.

The Gladys-Brockwell Stock Co. of to actors and actresses, who will appear in the four-act comedy—"Merely Mary Ann" adapted by Israel Zangwill from his own story of the same title.

The leading lady, Miss Gladys Brockwell, comes highly recommended as a star of great ability, and is supported by Mr. Scott, Maurice Clark, Ray Hanford, Bert Chapman, Wm. Woodfield, Genevieve Lee and Martha Lloyd, all secured from the Alcazar, Liberty and Redmond Stock Companies of San Francisco.

Frank Clayton will be director of the company, and R. S. Alexander, who has been scenic artist at the Orpheum in San Francisco, will have charge of the scenery.

Mr. Scott feels that in securing Maurice Clark, who was with David Warfield for two years, Frank Clayton, for two seasons with Minnie Madden-Fiske, Ray Hanford from the Liberty Stock Co. of Stockton, Miss Genevieve Lee of the Redmond Stock Co. and Alcazar, Miss Martha Lloyd of the Griffith Ray Stock Co. of Stockton, and William Woodfield of the Burgess Stock Co. of Sacramento, he is giving the people of Coos county an opportunity to see the best talent ever brought here and feels assured that the people of Bandon will appreciate and patronize his efforts.

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