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PIONEER'S LIFE STORY

Capt. Tichenors Early Life. Sailor, Politician, Miner and Adventurer. Trip Across the Continent 1848

Capt. William Tichenor was born in Newark, New Jersey, June 13, 1813 and spent most of his boyhood days in that place. On May 3, 1825, he sailed on his first voyage for Europe in the brig Martha of New York owned by the Holland Counsel. He remained aboard until October of the same year and returned to the United States in the ship Nimrod, to Philadelphia and thence home to Newark. He entered school again at Caldwell, N. Y., and remained in the institution for 18 months, being a room and classmate of Park Godman of New York, after which he devoted three months exclusively to perfecting himself in navigation, endeavoring to devote his life to the profession of a mariner.

In the spring of 1828, Capt. Tichenor joined the ship James Perkins for Marsels, then entered in the Revenue Service. In the fall of the same yea. he went over land to Pittsburg, descended the Ohio to Louisville, and then shipped as mate on the steamer Geo. Washington in the New Orleans trade, run in that trade to the summer of 1830, returning to New York later in that year entering the store of his brother, I. H. Tichenor.

Dissatisfied with a life of little action the Capt. returned to the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, returning again to New York in August, 1833, where he married a Miss Elizabeth Brinkerhoff, Jan 1, 1834, determining to quit the sea and settle down, being twenty and a half years old. In July of that year with his strong desires still clinging to him of a sea-faring life, and in order to supress that desire, he determined to remove himself as far as possible from its influences, he removed to the Wabash River, settling in Knox county, Indiana. He took a lively interest in the then exciting times of Martin Van Buren, was elected to many positions of trust and honor, remaining in Knox Co. until 1837, when owing to the sickness of his wife ad child, he sold out, removed to Edgar county, Illinois, where he remained until 1842, at which time he made a visit to New York, and again gratified his long suppressed passion for the ocean, by a short trip to sea. He returned to his farm and home December 1843, remaining there until he came to the Pacific coast.

In 1844 Capt. Tichenor commenced preparing and arranging his business fr removal to the Pacific coast, another brother having been in "Yerba Buena" (San Francisco) in 1828, a mate of a brig out of Boston. (We should have stated that there were 6 brothers and four sisters, four out of the six of the first followed the sea, William being the youngest). During his residence in Illinois, he at all times took an active part in all enterprises of a public and beneficial character In 1848 he had all his affairs arranged for a removal to the Western coast of America and before hearing of the discovery of gold, Governor French, Judge Kitchel, Lieut. Alexander and Lieut. Shields waited upon him, urging him to run for Senator of the 9th District, believing his popularity and energy wouldsecure his election that his known principles would aid in the presentation of the repudiation of the state of her just debts and obligations and of also forcing the State and Jamestown Bank to disgorge funds of a large amount belonging to the State and other very important matters, which would at once place the State in the highest posiion of honor for integrity. The District was then known only as "Whig" he being thoroughly a Democrat and anexationist, having taken a very active part in raising troops in 1845 for the Mexican War, having sided greatly in raising two companies for E. D. Baker, spending both time and money in what he believed to be the good cause. He was elected to the Senate by a very large majority with the definite undersanding that he should resign at the ermination of the one session. He gave in his resignation to Governor French in Springfield on the 19th day of February 1849, and started immediately for the Pacific Coast having left his family in charge of his wife's brother until he should find a desirable location for a permanent residence.

He started overland with a party header for he gold fields. Very soon Tichenor became dissatisfied with the slow rate of progress they were making. Consequently he spoke on this subject to the Captain of the train, declaring that it was his opinion that they should make better time while the cattle were in good condition and feed plentiful. The Captain did not agree with him. Tichenor decided to leave the train and said if any one wished to accompany him he could do so. He would offer no inducements. He found that many were not only willing but were anxious to go with him. He was appointed captain of the new company and the trains separated. Capt. Tichenor pushing ahead as fast as he thought prudent. He reached the American River "in good trim" without the loss of a man two months before the other party which had met with many mishaps. The feed became scarce, the cattle gave out; and many of the poor beasts had to be left by the roadside. Many of the members of the party never reached the land of gold, but were left in lonely graves on the plains. And others perished on the snow clad Sierras.

Capt. Tichenor reached "Hangtown" now Placerville, on the third day of August, and engaged in mining, where he did well and was doing well, when the great rush of emigrants began crowding in all eager to get their pile and return to the States.

Tichenor then disposed of his claim and determined to seek pastures new, where he would be less crowded; taking one horse and one mule he started to Happy Valley on the left bank of the South Fork of the American river then striking and crossing the South Fork over the circling ridge to the Middle Fork, and thence over another divide to the North Fork of the Middle Fork, finding naught, but terrible difficulties and continued dangers and after falling with his animals, wounding and bruising them as well as himself, he finally concluded to examine closely the deposits and was truly fortunate in striking very rich diggings which bear, to this day his name "Tichenors Gulch."

He went immediately down the diving ridge between the Middle and North Fork of the American River, over the Middle Fork, found his friends who were waiting tidings from him, he being absent from them ten days, having agreed to meet them on the Middle Fork at some point, neither party knowing where.

They mined at this new location until the last of October, Tichenor having packed in a full supply of provisions to last the party (four in number) until the following June. Tichenor began now to yield to the effects of his exposure and hardship, and concluded to leave his friends go to Sacramento and purchase a stock of miners supplies and recruit his health. The night before leaving the snow began to fall, one mule being stolen by the Indians. In two days he arrived at Sutters Mills and at Little's store met a gentleman by the name of Hudson who had been mining in Oregon Gulch with other Oregonians, R. R. Thompson of Alameda being one of the number. Hudson had 120 lbs. of gold. Tichenor had seventy, they journeyed together via Hangtown to Sutter's Fort and thence to Frisco. Here Tichenor fairly broke down. Frisco was crowded every shanty and tent was thronged, rain fell incessantly. Tichenor paid an ounce for the privilege of laying his blankets on a floor under shelter for the first night. On the following day he became acquainted with Alderman Leonard of New York who offered him quarters with himself, he having a newly erected shanty comfortably arranged with good cots, etc. In the course of two or three days Tichenor purchased of him the schooner Jacob M. Ryerson, a new and substantially built vessel of one hundred and sixty tons, well found for a voyage round the world if necessary. He then had the most desirable quarters obtainable and commenced at once to lay in supplies for one trip to Sacramento which was accepted and immediately entered upon being the last of October 1849. He made a good run up to Sacramento, discharged cargo, but owing to his ill health remaining one week under the care of Dr. John Dorcey of New Jersey.

Leaving Sacramento he dropped down to the mouth of the San Joaquin. Purchasing 60 water casques he balasted his vessel with fresh water and proceeded to San Francisco having before going up the river purchased supplies necessary for his contemplated voyage to the coast of lower California.

All being ready he sailed before the middle of December and devoted all the winter of 49 and 50 in the Gulf of California and the western side of the promontory returning to San Francisco on the 12th day of March, 1850. He had taken the western coast, north of Cape Lucas, a cargo of Green Turtle they being the first introduced, doing well in the enterprise. Disposing of this venture he proceeded for an examination of the coast north.—Port Orford Tribune.

John Wagner, son of the man who owned the original site of the town of Powers died at Myrtle Point Oct. 14th. He was a young man.

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Jess Hale of Denmark hauled the first load of fish his season o Bandon Saturday.

Geo. Farrier was transacting business in Bandon Friday.

A new cheese factory to be built at four mile.

Mrs L. White departed on the auto Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. Conrad of Bandon.

At the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sypher near Langlois, Sunday, October 10. 1915, Mr. Clifford R. Sydnam and Miss Florence E. Sypher, A Adolphsen, J. P. officiating.

One of the chief features of interest in connection with this wedding was, that both of the high contracting parties were born and grew up to young manhood and maidenhood in Northern Curry county. The groom being the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sydnam, long residing but a short distance South of Denmark, and the bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Sypher, the latter being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Russell, old settlers on Floras Creek Southeast of Langlois.

About forty-five of the friends of the happy pair gathered to witness the nuptials, when the Wedding March was played by Miss Alice Sydnam. The bride wore a white silk gown with chiffon draped with apple blossoms. The bride was "given away" by her father attended by her maid Miss Emma Sydnam on the march, while "best man" Mr. Chas. Russell attended thegroom.

The happy pair left for northern Coos Monday on a brief honeymoon trip carrying with them the earnest benedictions of a host of friends.

Last Saturday evening the final initiatory work was given the twenty candidates whose adoption into the Modern Woodmen took place at the deer barbecue down the river a few weeks ago. A delegation from Myrtle Point was present to help in the final initiation and the affair lasted until midnight. This was followed by an oyster supper and it taxed the capacity of the hall to seat the Woodmen present—Coquille Sentinel.

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In the District Court of the United States For the District of Oregon

In the matter of D. M. Averill, Bankrupt, No. 3500 in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of October, A. D., 1915, D. M. Averill of Bandon, Oregon, the bankrupt above named was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in my offices, Rooms 820-821 Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, Oregon, on the 28th day of October, 1915, at 10. A. M., at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the business as may properly come before said meeting.

Claims must be presented in form required by the bankruptcy Act, and sworn to.

The schedule discloses assets of $12,700.39.

A. M. CANNON,
Referee in Bankruptcy

Dated October 15, 1915.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY. ON FORECLOSURE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Coos and to me directed on the 14th day of September, 1915, upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in and by said Court on the 8th day of September, 1915 in a certain suit then in said Court pending, wherein J. H. Gould was plaintiff and C. M. Smith, Anna M. Smith, his wife, C. R. Wade, et al, were defendants in favor of plaintiff and against said defendants by which execution I am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiff of Six hundred seventy-one and no-100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum from the 8th day of September, 1915 until paid together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at Seventy-seven and 70-100 Dollars and costs and expenses of said execution. I will on **Saturday**, the 20th day of November, 1915 at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day at the front door of the County Court House in Coquille, Coos county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate which said defendants, C. M. Smith, Anna M. Smith and C. R. Wade and all persons claiming under them subsequent to the plaintiff's mortgage lien in, of and to said real property, said mortgaged premises hereinbefore mentioned are described in said execution as follows, to-wit: All of lot five in block one in O'Niel's Addition to the town, (now city) of Bandon, Coos county, state of Oregon, as per plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Coos county, Oregon.

Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 15th day of September, 1915.

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