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ANOTHER OREGON PIONEER GONE.

The demise of the Hon. Solomon Fitzhugh thins the rank of the honored pioneers still again. One by one they go.

Deceased was born in Logan county, Kentucky, March 11, 1804, and continued to reside there until he had arrived at manhood's estate and married her who survives him and mourns his loss, and had traveled the journey of life by his side for the period of 51 years. They removed to Oregon in 1850, settling permanently in Douglas county.

During his long residence in that county, deceased enjoyed the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens in no ordinary degree, and possessing a mind well stored with such knowledge as eminently qualified him for the discharge of official trusts he was frequently called to fill them. He was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1857, in which body he served with distinguished honor to himself and credit to his constituents. After Oregon's admission as a State in the Union, he was elected a State Senator. His action in the upper house of our Legislature was marked by the same sterling integrity, the same fidelity to his convictions of right, and the same unswerving purpose to act well his part that had marked his career in other official stations he had filled, and which had made him honored and trusted in the walks of private life.

Deceased removed to Curry county in 1872, we think, where he continued to reside until Death claimed him at the ripe age of 80 years. Besides his wife, who is only five years his junior, he leaves two sons, John and George, both of this county, and five daughters—Mrs. D. L. Anderson and Mrs. Ralls of this county, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Martindale of Camas Valley, and Mrs. Shaw of California, to mourn their sad bereavement. Truly, a good, we might add, a great, man is gone full of years and full of honors.

OUR CLUB LIST.—On another page will be found a list of newspapers with which we have effected clubbing arrangements. The purpose of this "pooling of issues" is to enable new and old Recorder subscribers to secure a great variety of reading matter at a comparatively small outlay of funds. For instance, the yearly price of this paper is \$2 50, and with it, free, we give the subscriber a choice between the Chicago Weekly News and the Northwestern Farmer and Dairyman. For an advance on our regular rates of 25 cents, that is \$2 75, we give the subscriber a choice between the San Francisco Weekly Call (regular price \$1 50) and the Missouri Republican. Remember this offer is extended to new and old subscribers who pay in advance. Send for sample copies.

A MISTAKE.—The Mail says "The schooner Sea Foam, which arrived in the Bay Tuesday, was driven from Blacklock Harbor, after losing an anchor, by unfavorable weather." The Sea Foam not only did not lose an anchor but was not driven from the harbor by unfavorable weather. When the schooner came in and while she laid there the water was as smooth as a mill-pond, and her departure from the harbor was an exhibition of pure unadulterated cussedness on the part of the captain.

A GRAND "RALLY."—Hon. C. B. Watson, was greeted at this place by six Democrats, three Republicans and a Butler man last week, but the Blaine champion was weary, so after stating that "the result in Ohio practically settled the contest," he borrowed a horse of a Democrat and went northward.

Mr. James Cox who has been with us for a month past returned to the Coquille yesterday.

BURNHAM'S MISFORTUNE.

Last week the schooner Sea Foam drew under the wire at Port Blacklock to load lumber from Burnham's mill, and as the weather was fine, the harbor calm and everything apparently favorable, it was expected that there would be no difficulty whatever in putting aboard the initial cargo from the point. However, Mr. Burnham's lucky star was not in the firmament and misfortune was his. After the vessel drew under the cable, which is double and carries two cars, a load was sent down which went with such force and rapidity as to break the line designed to check the car's progress, and the result was that the car having no restrictions went clear over the vessel and threw the lumber into the sea. It was the original intention that the loaded car going down should bring up the empty one, but the partial wrecking of the first car made it necessary that a temporary check should be devised for the second one. When checking arrangements were completed the car started down but was not allowed force enough to carry it to the vessel and stopped in the sag of the cable, staining it to such an extent that the shore end gave way letting the load into the sea. It was at this point that the cussedness of the captain of the vessel made itself manifest. Signaling for the loosening of the shore line he ordered the unshackling of the sea end of the cable in order to pull out to sea (which was wholly unnecessary and contemptible as the damage could have been repaired in a few hours), and instead of re-shackling it when his mainmast was clear, he basely threw car, cable and all overboard. As it is well along toward winter it is not at all likely that another attempt will be made to ship a cargo this season. Captain Jurgensen, who came up to report upon the feasibility of shipping from the point, says he is perfectly satisfied that when the cable is put in order no further trouble will be experienced.

COOS COUNTY.

Most of the Bay fisheries have shut down for the season.

Most of the fisheries on the river went behind this season.

Messrs. Johnson and Phillips are about opening a coal mine back of Coquille City.

An attempt was made last week to fire Dr. Angel's dwelling at Coquille City last week.

Judge Dyer of Coos county will send some Myrtle trees to the New Orleans exposition.

The Mail says Rev. W. Lund intends visiting Curry county this week and that he will preach at Ellensburg on Sunday November 2d.

Seven miners are employed in the Caledonia mine on Isthmus slough and when pending arrangements are completed an extra force will be put on, and coal will be shipped to Yaquina Bay and San Francisco.

Judge Dyer and wife have returned from the valley. They left their daughter Hattie at the school of the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Salem. Miss Nellie Noble also entered the same school at the time Miss Hattie did.—Mail.

Sixty men are at present at work on the sea wall at Rocky Point, and from 250 to 270 cubic yards of rock are being dumped every day. The water is over fifty feet deep at the outer end of the work, and the wall is being extended about thirty feet per month.—News.

Alf Machado closed down his fishery on the Coquille, last week, for the season. The run of salmon was very light this year, and the 240 barrels caught by him was more than an average of what others engaged in the business secured. We understand that J. D. Bundy also closed down and that seventy-five barrels was the amount of the catch.—News.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

Miss Fanny Grey, of Cheteo, has been visiting her sister at this place the week past.

The schooner Stranger arrived safely in this port last Saturday with a partial load for R. D. Hume.

Ex-Judge Woodruff and wife have been spending a few days in town. The judge, no doubt, will swallow Butler, spoons and all.

Mr. J. Willard, of Euchre creek, was in town one day this week and disposed of his wool clip to the Business Association of this place.

Hon. W. S. Caerin, our worthy and efficient School Superintendent has been visiting the schools in this portion of the County, the past week. Mr. G. is at home in the school room, and his quick eye can soon take in the situation, and decide if the school is properly conducted or not. He speaks very highly of the schools in this vicinity.

Last Saturday evening the body of Oscar Inberg was found floating in Rogue river about a quarter of a mile below where he was drowned several days previous. On Sunday the remains were interred in the graveyard at this place and the people of this place turned out in mass to pay their last tribute of respect to one who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Rev. Father Heinrich performed the burial services.

Hon. C. B. Watson, of Coos county, who had been sent out by the Republican Central Committee, spoke in Masonic Hall at this place on the evening of the 23d to "a very large crowd of people," consisting of thirty men, women and children, about twenty of whom were voters. The meeting was a tame affair, and although Mr. Watson labored long and hard he utterly failed to stir up any enthusiasm for the doomed ticket. He even tried to draw consolation from the October elections, but it was very evident the speaker felt that his efforts were fruitless in trying to resuscitate a lost cause, and that he would soon be called upon to step down and out of the Custom House. One of the telling points he made on the tariff question was to the effect that prior to 1862 there was not a steel rail manufactory in the United States and that we had to buy all our rails from England and pay \$100 a ton for them, but since that time we have built up manufactories and are enabled to make and sell those rails for \$55 a ton—this was the benefit we had derived from the \$28 a ton tariff on steel rails. Just what benefit we derive from a tariff on an article which can be manufactured in this country one-half cheaper than in England is a problem too difficult for an average man to solve. The speaker made a few other assertions which, no doubt, would startle the student of history. One of which was that the Democratic party in its National platforms have always declared for free trade. One of these old free trade platforms would be a curiosity to-day and the proprietor of the North Star offers Mr. Watson \$100 for a copy. Verily, after hearing the Collector's speech we were not surprised at his refusal to divide time with a Democratic speaker.

CITY OF NAPA SOLD.—Mr. Chris Danielson, of the Coquille river purchased the rigging of the wrecked schooner, City of Napa at the sale ordered by the Insurance agent. The amount paid was \$250 and it is the intention of the owner to take the purchase to the Coquille and rig his vessel which is now being built at Grube's mill.

AGUE.—Mr. Laughhead is down with the ague, the result of a too extended residence in the vicinity of Ashland. A few months sojourn in this section will fix him.

A REVIEW.

Less than forty years ago Southwest Oregon was a howling wilderness inhabited only by the red man and the wild beast. Less than thirty years ago we heard the last war-whoop of the savage and saw his last signal fire on the mountain tops. And this brings the fact forcibly to my mind that few of us are now left who fought the battles of this Pacific Coast, subdued the wily savage and drove him to the wall, and paved the way, as it were, for the steady and advancing steps of civilization of the present day. And nothing has been our reward. We have passed through the great ordeal of times and circumstances unparalleled in the history of human events. We have seen a nation born in a day. San Francisco, at the ushering in of the Golden Era, 1848, consisted of a few old Mexican adobe buildings and a few others constructed of redwood shakes. Portland, the queen city of our State, in 1847 existed only in name, and at that time contained only one or two houses of rude construction. Oregon City, the only place of business at that time in Oregon, contained a few hundred inhabitants, and a small newspaper was printed there called the Oregon Spectator. Oregon at the time above referred to comprised all the territory west of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, and from California north to the British possessions. In those days we had a provisional government, George Abernathy acting as Governor. Such commodities as wheat and peas were legal tender in payment of debts and taxes. A territorial government was established in 1848, and our late Hon. Joseph Lane, of Mexican war fame, was appointed Governor under James K. Polk's administration. The Hudson Bay Company who at that time held sway over the Northwest, had their headquarters at Vancouver, and their out-posts at the mouth of the Columbia, where Astoria now stands, called at that time Fort George, and fort Umpqua in the Umpqua Valley. On the settling of the valley by the Americans it was abandoned in 1854. SIXES MINER.

HARD LUCK.

Johnny Lewis, aged 13, son of Mr. John Lewis, of Bandon, arrived at this place on Friday evening, on his way home. He was sent to college in Montreal, Canada, about a year ago to study for the priesthood, but became homesick, and his parents sent him money to return. He has had rather a rough time of it on his journey. On Sept 17th he left the college, and purchased a first class ticket at St. Paul, via the Northern Pacific R. R., for Portland, which ticket some sneak thief exchanged for an emigrant ticket, and ten days were consumed in getting to Portland. On arriving at the latter place, his money was nearly exhausted, and he telegraphed to his parents the state of his finances, but the wires being down from Roseburg to the bay, the message was delayed, and after waiting several days, he decided to make the journey on foot and on the 5th of this month left Portland, and arrived at Roseburg on the 14th, making 197 miles in 9 days, nearly 22 miles a day. He obtained food at the farm houses along the route, and says he was never refused at any place, but always liberally supplied. At Roseburg he was recognized by Mr. Levi, traveling salesman for a liquor house in San Francisco, who took charge of him, and having business at Bandon offered to conduct him home, which proposition was gladly accepted by the boy. With the exception of blistered feet he was none the worse for his trip, but we doubt if he would be willing to undertake the journey on foot again.—News.

Work on the bridge is progressing as favorably as could be expected.

THE LATEST NEWS.

The Nile expedition will probably cost England £1,000,000 sterling.

The Alabama river for the first time since 1836, can be waded at Montgomery.

Maud S. failed to lower her Cleveland record of 2:34 on the 15th at Hartford.

The vote of West Virginia surpasses in volume any in the history of the State.

Wheat at Roseburg commands fifty cents per bushel—half trade and half money.

An election row in Cincinnati on the 14th resulted in the death of one man and wounding of 20 others.

Mrs. Langtry and Freddie Gebhardt desire to marry, and will do so as soon as the former can procure a divorce.

It is reported that Earl Spencer will be succeeded as lord lieutenant of Ireland by the Duke of Cannaught, the Queen's son.

Vermont legislators propose to do away with hanging and substitute electricity as an agent for the execution of criminals.

Miss Elizabeth Garrett, daughter of the late President of the B. & O. railroad, is the richest unmarried woman in America.

General Alvord, U. S. A., whose death occurred a few days ago, was stationed at Fort Dalles and Vancouver from 1854-1865.

Ex-Governor Newell's district as Indian inspector includes an area of 800,000 square miles and an Indian constituency of 90,000.

Employees of the Standard Nut Company, Pittsburg, refused to accept a 20 per cent. reduction, and the works have closed.

The Bartholdi statue of liberty will stand 220 feet, nine inches high when placed on Bedloe's island at the entrance of New York harbor.

A Puget Sound paper says the lumber market of the entire Coast is glutted, and the product is being sold below the cost of production.

Sam Lappin, defaulting State Treasurer of Kansas nine years ago, was arrested in Albany and started East on the 21st, in the custody of an officer.

Governor Cleveland was assaulted at Albany on the 21st by a man who had been ejected from the executive mansion some days before while seeking a pardon.

The glove contest between McCaffrey and Mitchell, at Madison Square gardens, N. Y., on the 19th was witnessed by 6000 people and resulted in the defeat of the latter.

The business men's meeting in favor of Cleveland at New York on the 17th was an immense success. Ex-Mayor Grace presided and Beecher did the honors.

Samuel Culver, of Jackson county Presidential Elector on the St. John ticket, estimates that the prohibitionists will poll about 800 votes in the State in November.

A German boy 15 years old reached his home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 21st having walked the entire distance from San Antonio, Texas, occupying nine weeks in the journey and arriving completely exhausted.

NEW OFFICE.—We are now settled down in our new and commodious quarters opposite the post office and will be pleased to make our visitors as comfortable as possible. When in Denmark don't fail to drop in on us.

Mr. John Clausen, mentioned last week as a new arrival from Minnesota, has taken a farm between the places of Messrs. Brown and Tharhaven, near Morton's butte.

Geo. Flannagan, one of the firm succeeding Whitney, is expected down this way this week in quest of beavers for their markets in the field and Empire.