

# County Pioneer Led Revolt Against Livestock Combine

JOS. GALE, TRAPPER, TOOK CHARGE IN BUILDING 'STAR OF OREGON' TO BREAK MONOPOLY IN CATTLE

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(Continued from last week)

Joseph Gale was one of the Rocky Mountain trappers who came to the Tualatin Plains in 1840. In his younger years he had followed the sea. Coming from California in 1834 with a party led by Ewing Young he was active in the Rocky Mountain fur trade for a number of years as a more or less independent trapper, cooperating at times with the Hudson's Bay Company and at other times with the American Fur Company.

When the latter company withdrew from the Rocky Mountains he joined with five of his mountain companions, Robert Newell, George W. Ebberts, Caleb Wilkins, William Doty and Joseph Meek to form a settlement in Tualatin Plains. He was not yet well settled however when he was invited to join with six other settlers in building a ship which they intended to sail to California, sell and use the proceeds to buy livestock to supply their farms.

The settlers wanted cattle, but the Hudson's Bay Company, Ewing Young and the Methodist missionaries who owned all the livestock in the country would not sell to them. So the enterprise was launched as a sort of declaration of independence from the monopoly of the British owned company and the missionaries.

None of these men knew anything about building or sailing a ship but Gale had been a seaman and knew something of shipbuilding and navigation. The plan interested him, but he was somewhat skeptical about its success. He did not join at once but he agreed to give the company his advice about the model and general construction of the vessel and join them as soon as he became convinced that the vessel could be successfully completed.

Securing the services of Felix Hathaway, an excellent ship carpenter, these men began the construction of the vessel on the east side of Swan Island, in the late summer of 1840. The work continued under difficulties and in spite of opposition from the Hudson's Bay Company until May, 1841, when Felix Hathaway became discouraged and quit, leaving the vessel over half done. The rest boarded up the hull enough to make it float and launched it May 19, 1841, christening it "Star of Oregon".

They worked it up to Willamette Falls, then called upon Joseph Gale to keep his promise. Gale at once sold his farm and equipment to Courtney Walker, removed his family to Champoug and took charge of the work.

Dr. John McLoughlin, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, and autocrat of the north-west country for many years refused the builders any aid. He said that such a voyage by inexperienced builders and sailors would be suicide. But Lieutenant Charles Wilkes of the United States Navy, was in the Columbia River at that time on his famous exploring voyage around the world.

He intervened in their behalf. He assured Dr. McLoughlin that Gale knew what he was about and promised to be responsible for any bills incurred. "O, Well, well," said the doctor, "they can have all the materials they wish."

Wilkes also gave Gale a flag, an ensign, a compass, log line and other equipment from his own stores and an informal navy.

igator's license under the seal of the United States. It was now too late in the season to complete the work that year and the vessel was laid up for the winter. Gale found work with the Methodist Mission, running a sawmill at Salem and the rest of the crew, except one chosen as a ship keeper dispersed to their several homes and various occupations until June 1942 when Captain Gale called them back to the Falls to resume the work.

Manned by five men and an Indian boy, the Star of Oregon left Willamette Falls August 27, 1842. Two days later it dropped anchor in front of Fort Vancouver, displaying her American flag

to show the British that the Americans could take care of themselves. A few days later they were opposite Fort George. After two weeks' training in seamanship with Gale as instructor, the party shot out of the Columbia river under a half gale and were off for San Francisco.

The rest of the story is told in a letter from Joseph Gale to Hon. J. W. NeSmith and published in the Transactions of the Oregon Pioneer Association for 1891.

The weather was stormy and the crew were seasick. Gale was at the helm for 36 hours without relief. On the morning of September 17, eighteen days after leaving the mouth of the Columbia, the Star sailed through the Golden Gate and dropped anchor before the little town of San Francisco.

The vessel was sold, and in the spring Mr. Gale with a company of 42 men started north by land, driving 1250 head of cattle, 600 horses and mules and 3,000 sheep. They arrived in 75 days with little loss. The stock monopoly in Oregon was broken.

The following year the settlers

recognized Gale's innate leadership by selecting him as one of the executive committee of three men having the powers of Governor in the new provisional government. Gale settled in Washington County west of Forest Grove on what is still known as Gale's Peak. Here at the foot of Gale's Peak he raised the first grist mill in that section of the country. This was followed in 1845 by the erection of a sawmill.

Before the sawmill was completed Gale left for California, after placing all of his affairs in the hands of his neighbor and friend Alvin T. Smith who had cared for his little daughter Ellen during the first voyage to California.

This daughter, educated at Tualatin Academy, later became the mother of Mrs. Miles Poindester, wife of the United States Senator and minister to Peru.

On his second trip to California, Gale left his two older children with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, taking his wife and younger children with him. During an absence of several years in California Alvin T. Smith and his

wife cared for Gale's little half-cast children and kept them enrolled in Tualatin Academy until they had finished their education.

The father from time to time sent money to provide for their care and education. He was keen in his appreciation of education and contributed funds for the establishment of Oregon Institute and Tualatin Academy.

A beautiful friendship existed for many years between this mountain trapper and the prosperous and pious Mr. Smith. Gale prized this friendship very highly and doubtless both he and his children were the better for this close association with high minded Christian people.

Eventually the Gale family moved to Wallowa County and settled in Eagle Valley where Gale died Dec. 13, 1881.

(To be continued)

### NEW APARTMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pegg have moved into their new apartment over the new Mortuary on Second and Watson opposite the Masonic Temple.

## Couple Wed at End of Year on Murray Avenue

At a quiet ceremony, Miss Jennie Klemm and Grant Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Damskov, of Seattle, were united in marriage, Thursday, December 30th at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chamberlin on Murray Avenue.

The Rev. Louis H. Kaub of the First Methodist Church in Portland officiated.

The bride, who wore a gown of mauve silk and lace with matching accessories and a white orchid corsage, was given in marriage by her host.

Miss Mary Klemm, of Lynchburg, Va., sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a grey crepe gown and carried a colonial bouquet of roses and violets. Richard Taug, of Portland, brother-in-law of the groom was best man.

The decorations were white mums and bells. Mrs. Chamberlin was assisted in serving at the reception which followed by Miss

Mary Kate Henderson, Mrs. Ralph Prose, of Vancouver, Wash., sister of the bride, poured and Miss Mary Klemm cut and served the bride's cake.

**CARD FROM FINLAYSON**  
Christmas and New Year greetings "to all" were received this week from Finlayson, Minnesota where Mrs. M. C. McKercher has been visiting.

Scenery, with its thick coating of frost, is beautiful, she relates, and weather is not too cold. She returned home on January

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| 3rd Prize - - \$500    | 7th Prize - - \$50    |
| 4th Prize - - \$250    | 8th Prize - - \$25    |
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