

OLD TIMERS

McLoughlin Recovers Stolen Furs

By R. M. DeMILLE

On hearing Smith's story, McLoughlin promptly ordered his field captain, Thomas McKay, to take 50 men with 20 pack horses and go to the Umpqua river to the scene of the massacre with all possible haste and recover Smith's furs from the Indians.

This McKay did as ordered, and within two weeks the company of soldiers was back at Ft. Vancouver with nearly all the furs that had been stolen. Now if McLoughlin had been so minded, it would have been easy for him to have forced hard terms on poor Smith. But he took no advantages of the situation. For the horses that were lost on the trip, Dr. McLoughlin charged \$4 each, and for the time of his men he charged at the rate of \$60 a year, and gave Smith a draft on London for the market price of the furs in Oregon.

London Trip Offered

Referring to this experience of Smith with the Hudson Bay company (chanced to be spending the winter at Vancouver), the latter offered to send Smith to London the following summer in the company's vessel, where he might dispose of his furs himself to better advantage; but Smith declined this offer. He then sold his furs to McLoughlin, and returned in the spring to the Rocky mountains.

Smith was a man of great energy and perseverance. No sooner had he got paid for the furs seized by the Indian murderers, when he was off again to distant St. Louis to organize another expedition. But Smith, not returning to St. Louis as his partners expected, caused a party to be sent out to hunt him up.

The party proceeded to the headwaters of Snake river, where Smith and his men were last heard from in 1827, and Smith was found alone in "Pierre's hole," a deep mountain valley at the fountain head of Snake river.

Meek, Search Member

The redoubtable Joe Meek, then a stripling, was one of the party to rescue Smith from the wilderness.

Smith returned to St. Louis and with his partners, Jackson and Sublette organized and sent out the first wagon train from Missouri to the Rocky mountains, July 16, 1829. Jedediah Smith's contribution to the settlement of Oregon was not large, but unquestionably did add largely to the interest in Oregon by his knowledge of the country given to fur traders and other business men at St. Louis. His last adventure was with the Comanches on Cimarron river and he lost his life in 1831.

In the year of 1832, Capt. Nathaniel Wyeth of Massachusetts, made two overland expeditions to Oregon.

These were commercial ventures to Oregon by American citizens. At the same time he started his first party overland to Oregon, he dispatched a ship from Boston loaded with goods, estimating that the ship would reach the Columbia river about the time the overland party would reach the Willamette valley. The ship sailed, but was

never heard from afterwards; and the overland party reached Ft. Vancouver on the 29th of October, 1832.

By Land, Sea

It was Wyeth's plan to procure a new ship after this discouragement was all over. He was to fish for salmon out of the Columbia river and then salt them down or dry them in the sun till they had a shipload for the Boston market. Furs were acceptable in this shipment. And, in that way there would be a return cargo shipment back to Oregon's Pacific coast. When Wyeth's shipment was ready on his return to the coast, he took aboard some men and also brought them west. These few men were of great help to the ship's crew, and after landing on the coast, they took advantage of things and grew up with the country.

Ball Opens School

John Ball was one of them, and he was the man that opened the first school at Vancouver, in all the vast region of old Oregon, November, 1832. The school was not a success, but anyway it was a starter. Then Solomon H. Smith, another one of the Wyeth, in March of 1833 opened a school at old Ft. Vancouver under an engagement with Dr. McLoughlin, chief factor of the Hudson Bay company, to teach for at least six months.

Smith expected to teach an English school, but found out a great confusion of tongues existed at the school. The pupils all came in, all speaking in their native tongues and each different from the other: Cree, Nez-Perce, Chinook, Klickitat, etc. The only Indian boy that could understand the English language of the teacher rebelled right at first. Dr. McLoughlin, coming into the school in the midst of the difficulty, proceeded to enforce the law himself, and taking the little rebel across his knee he laid the rod onto him a plenty, and had discipline thereafter.

(Continued Next Week)

Junior Auxiliary Organizational Meeting Saturday

An organizational meeting for the American Legion Junior auxiliary will be held this Saturday at the home of Mrs. Roy Hartley, 138 Third street, at 2 p.m.

The meeting will concern the planning of the new unit and the election of officers. Eligible members must be under 18.

The Senior Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening at the Legion hall on Winburn way. A speaker from the Jackson County Chest X-ray survey will be on hand.

Eatons Open Stock at the News Review.

Obituaries

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away . . ." Job 1:21

MARGIE E. WATERBURY

Margie E. Waterbury, 92, a resident of 891 Beswick way, passed away January 24 at a local rest home after a declining illness.

Mrs. Waterbury was born on Nov. 17, 1860 in Virginia, and went to Kansas with her parents in a covered wagon soon after the Civil war. She was associated with William Allen White as society editor of the Emporia, Kans. Gazette for many years, and was also a teacher of piano. She was a charter member of the WCTU of Kansas and a close friend of Carrie Nation. She was a member of the Baptist church all of her life, and had made her home in Ashland for 7 years.

She is survived by her son, Preston B. Waterbury of Ashland, and a daughter, Mrs. G. G. McGuirk of Westfield, Mass.

Services were held Friday afternoon at 1:30 in the Litwiller Funeral home, with the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell officiating, and interment followed in Mt. View cemetery.

LETTIE MELINDA COLEMAN

Lettie Melinda Coleman, 1026 W. Tenth street, Medford, died at a local hospital on January 25 after having been hospitalized for a week. She had been in poor health for some time.

Mrs. Coleman was born on March 12, 1875, in Chillicothe, Mo. Her parents, the late Jesse W. and Nancy Ann Adams, brought her to Oregon when she was two years old, settling west of Talent on Anderson creek. On Aug. 9, 1896, in Ashland, she married James B.

Kiwanis Kapers' Plans Heard

The Ashland Kiwanis club heard a discussion of the arrangements for the coming annual Kiwanis Kapers next March 5-8 last Monday.

A five-member Medford delegation attended the meeting and outlined the program to local members and issued a plea for local talent to participate in the program.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, gave a brief talk on the building program now under way at the college and what is planned to handle the estimated student load of 1600 by 1960.

He gave the credit for obtaining the structural steel for the current dormitory annex project to Sens. Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse.

Visiting members from the Medford club were Boyd Budge, Bob Voegtly, Leonard Stecklein, S. M. Bullis and C. Lyall Fidler.

Coleman, and continued to live on Anderson creek until 1916, when she moved to Medford.

She was a member of Reames chapter, O.E.S.

Survivors include her husband, County Judge J. B. Coleman; three daughters, Mrs. V. Aubrey Norris, Mrs. Paul C. Jennings and Mrs. Herman Offenhauer, all of Medford; two sons, Jesse H., Klamath Falls; and Ray, Jacksonville; a brother, Edgar Adams, Talent; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held last Tuesday in the Conger-Morris chapel with the Rev. D. Kirkland West officiating. Interment followed in Siskiyou Memorial park in Medford.

Church Notices

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Pioneer avenue, south.

Sunday morning service at 11 a.m.

Subject: Love.

Golden Text: I John 4:16. We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Nursery available during the Sunday morning service.

Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is held at 8 p.m.

Reading room open daily from 2 to 5 p.m. except Sundays and holidays.

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Youth fellowship services, 6:30 p.m.; evening service, singing, testimonies and gospel message, 7:45 p.m.

Monday, prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., mid-week service and Bible study; 8:30 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Sky Pilots in their club house on Walker avenue.

Youth Fellowship groups, Wesley Foundation, 7:00 p.m.

Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

1047 Iowa, Ashland

Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Radio Program, Sunday, 9:15 a.m., KWIN.

"Let not kindness and truth depart from thee: Bind them about thy neck: Write them upon the tablet of thy heart: So shalt thou find favor and understanding in the sight of God and man." —Proverbs 3:3-4.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian)

Second and B streets

Earl F. Downing, Minister

Bible School, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Service, 11 a.m.

Junior Church, 11 a.m., for the children. Nancy Holloway, supervisor.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m.

Three groups: Juniors, Junior High and High school, and Town and Campus.

Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

Midweek Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Stationery Supplies at the News Review

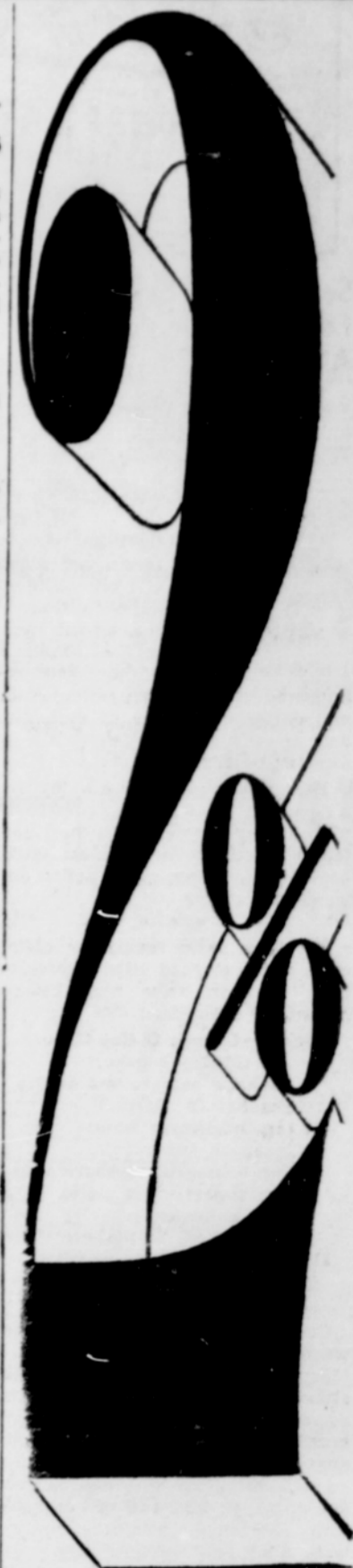
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