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HALF A CENTURY IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Fifty Years Ago Portland Was But a Good Sized Village on the River Bank.

The fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of The Tribune man in Oregon will occur next Monday, and it may be of interest to note a few points of development the state and particularly the Willamette valley has made during this half century period.

Our trip to San Francisco was made from Illinois, our native state, the next year after the Union Pacific railroad was completed. After a week spent in San Francisco we boarded the old sidewheel steamer California and reached Portland five days thereafter, landing at the Ash street dock. Our first meal in Oregon was eaten at the old time Cosmopolitan hotel, then a leading hotel in the small city.

Portland then boasted of between 7000 and 8000 people. The business district was then limited to Front and First streets. West of Fourth street was full of stumps through which were winding roadways, not yet having reached the dignity of the name of street. Front and First streets were paved in the business section. There were no street cars nor bridges across the river for many years thereafter. There were two or three four-story buildings, a dozen or two three-story, and the remainder of two- and one-story structures.

On the east side, known as East Portland for many years, were 12 or 15 buildings and one store, a very countryfied establishment, having a small stock of goods.

The O. & C. railroad had been completed to Oregon City and was continued on to Roseburg within the next two or three years. The west

side railroad was completed to McMinnville the following year.

In the fall of the year 1870, this writer engaged to teach one of the city schools, in which he was fairly successful; at least we completed the school year and was offered a re-engagement. During the summer of 1871 we became acquainted with S. H. Claughton of Lebanon, who was then in Portland looking for a principal for Santiam academy. He so pictured Lebanon and Linn county that he persuaded us to visit Lebanon.

Portland was right in the woods and did not seem homelike. Not having traveled about we were unable to see any portion of the brilliant future ahead for Portland. We could not see what was to support the town to make it great.

When we visited Lebanon, the county seemed homelike and the little village of Lebanon, having probably 200 people, appealed to us. An engagement as principal of Santiam academy resulted.

At that time there was no direct mail or stage line from Lebanon to Albany. Lebanon received her weekly mail from a stage line from Salem to Eugene, the line serving Brownsville, Harrisburg, and other offices on the line which included Scio, Stayton and Turner. It was in the fall of 1871 our first visit to Scio was made. Scio was then much larger than Lebanon and indicated a prosperous future.

After a successful year at Santiam academy, this writer joined the ranks of the benedicts and engaged in farming for several years, or until we took up newspaper work. In 1890 we became a citizen of Scio, having purchased the newspaper here, and with the exception of a few years, have continued to publish the Scio newspaper.

During this time we have seen Scio grow, slowly it is true, and hardly in keeping with other parts of the Willamette valley, but always forward until now when the prospect for growth is more promising than ever before. During our long experience in newspaper work in Scio we have written obituaries for nearly all of Scio's first settlers, commencing with that of William Cyrus. There are but very few of them left. Now this writer has reached the decrepitude of old age. Soon our fellow citizens will follow the remains of him known familiarly as "Tom" to the beautiful Franklin Butte cemetery. If we have done anything for the betterment of Scio during our career as editor and publisher we feel that our life work has not been wholly in vain.

Services in Catholic Church.

Rev. F. Boniface informs The Tribune that on Thursday, May 13, the feast of the ascension, a holy day of obligation for catholics, there will be services at the Scio catholic church at 10 a. m. The Rev. Dr. U. Fisher, of Scappoose, will preach the sermon in Bohemian.

At The Peoples Theatre

For this week, Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Peoples Theatre Dorothy Phillips will be presented in "The Right to Happiness."

OUR CONDENSERY IS LARGE CONCERN

New Machinery Constantly Added — Is Destined to Become a Great Institution.

We have had our condensery in operation for so many years that it has come to be a part of Scio, and when we consider the amount of money paid monthly for milk, hauling and for the workers at the plant is far the biggest manufacturing concern in eastern Linn county, and ranks among the largest in the county.

Some 10 or 12 years ago a dozen Scio business men and citizens organized and constructed a condensing plant at the present site of the condensery. E. C. Peery was elected president and manager. The plant as then constructed was a small affair as compared with the present plant. The capacity was then rated at 10,000 pounds of milk daily. The pioneer company operated the plant more or less successfully for nine years.

The company sold the plant to a Seattle company that knew little about operating a milk condensing plant. However, the Seattle company started in to bore with a big augur and seemed on the road to prosperity for seven months, then by reckless management and dishonest practices which caused litigation, this company failed and beat farmers out of two months supply of milk, amounting with other debts, to \$80,000.

A year ago Mr. Peery, as trustee, succeeded in selling the plant to the Henningsen people, since when the word has been forward with the present owners. Nearly all of the machinery purchased by the original company has been replaced by better and more modern equipment until now the plant is up to date and is capable of taking care of 60,000 pounds of milk daily, though but about one-third of that amount of milk is processed daily at the present time.

The present company has expended in buildings and machinery over \$25,000 aside from the purchase price and is paying out from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for milk and labor every month.

Some 12 auto trucks haul and deliver milk to the factory daily and the company is continually adding new and modern machinery. The milk supply is drawn from eastern Linn and the southern part of Marion counties.

The company has been established in the northwest for the past 30 years or more and has unlimited capital behind it, the Scio plant being but one of the dozen or more milk plants owned and operated by the company which include condenseries, creameries and cheese plants.

The company will prepare the Scio plant to take care of any quantity of milk offered. Top prices are being and will be paid the farmer for milk and to this is due the fact that farmers who prefer selling the cream are getting 2 to 3 cents more for their butterfat than they would get

without the condensery.

The Henningsen people are absolutely reliable and dependable. It is their purpose to make the Scio condensery first class and just as good and as large as the business will justify. Mr. Peery, the manager, has an ambition to make the Scio condensery as good as any in the state, and by fair dealing with milk producers he hopes to induce them to enlarge their herds and make the Scio country the prosperous dairy section of the Willamette valley.

JORDAN ITEMS

J. H. Cunningham went to Portland Sunday.

Erle Phillips of Mehama visited home folks Sunday.

Charles Barrett and wife moved to Lacomb Monday.

Miss Privit of Portland is visiting relatives here.

Miss Jaynes of Aumsville is helping Mrs. Foltz cook for the light crew.

The stork left a wee baby girl at the F. Pepperling home May 3.

C. L. Sherman and family of McMinnville will occupy the Barrett place.

Ed Foltz had his foot crushed by a rolling log and will be laid up a few weeks.

OREGON MIST.

SANTIAM FARM TOPICS

Farmers are tearing out a bone with their farming, corn planting and gardening. They have no time to trade horses now.

Ed Wesely and Mrs. John Wesely made a flying call Tuesday for seed corn.

Mrs. Archer is still with us. Her husband has a government job in Alaska as an electrician.

John Griffin and wife of Salem came in Tuesday for a vacation visit.

We have a new industry. Some one is hauling ties from the Brock mill near Franklin Butte cemetery to Crabtree, a truck making six loads a day with over 1000 feet to the load.

The Santiam Farm is selling lots of fine seed corn and still has a ton of hay to spare at \$16.

Miss Anene Small, while visiting in Albany, was taken quite sick and had to remain a few days with her sister.

John Griffin made a trip to Scio Wednesday morning to visit old friends and have the wheelbase on his car repaired.

PIE EATER.

Saturday and Monday I will have a new line of summer millinery arriving. Prices reasonable.

Mrs. E. H. HOBSON.

The fire alarm, rung just after sundown Friday, called the fire department and the people in general out. The occasion of the alarm was a burning flue at the home of W. A. Ewing. By the time the department was at hand the fire was out. No damage resulted.

JORDAN SOON TO BE BUSY LITTLE PLACE

The Tribune Editor Goes Sightseeing Along New Power Line— Becomes Optimistic

Monday afternoon, by courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. Prill, The Tribune man was given an auto ride to Jordan and return. Because of the fact that the canyon road was undergoing repairs and hardly in a traveling condition we were compelled to go by way of the old monastery and down the steep hill to reach the Jordan store.

The monastery, by the way is being torn down and the material is being used in the erection of a new church. Reaching the Jordan store we found Mr. Foltz, who recently became proprietor, busy in entertaining his customers. In answer to the question "how's business?" he replied "first-rate". The store seemed well filled with groceries, but the dry goods department was vacant, which he will supply later.

After an hour spent in looking about we concluded that we would make it back through the canyon, which we accomplished without serious trouble. Quite a bit of improvement is being made to the road in the canyon by blasting away rock points, widening and grading the roadway, etc. Just across the creek men are making fair progress in clearing the right of way for the canal and flume for the Scio electric power station. Water is to be taken from Thomas creek about one-fourth of a mile above Jordan store and conducted along the south bank of the creek to the lower end of the canyon where the power house will be erected.

It is estimated that a fall of 85 feet will be secured by digging a ditch and flume not more than one and one-half miles. Just what power will be secured at the station we have not yet been told, but Engineer Cunningham says he will deliver 208 horse power by wire to Scio. The power now being used in Scio by the light plant is not more than 35 h. p. At the present time more men are needed. There are now about 12 men employed and 20 to 25 could be used. Later on, when ditch and flume construction is on, some 50 to 60 men will be required.

It is the purpose to crowd the work as rapidly as possible so that as much of the low water season as possible may be covered.

The construction of this fine power project, in our judgment will mark the beginning of Scio's real growth. It will cause the location of numerous enterprises in our midst; new business houses, new dwellings, and new people to fill them. Let us all discourage pessimism in all its forms and with the optimist, look ahead for the brilliant and progressive future promised for Scio.

John Prochaska has sold his residence property in Scio to V. Prokop. He expects to remove to Portland, St. Johns district within a few days and will probably engage in business down there.

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