

FAMILY REUNION AFTER 30 YEARS

Clairborne Neil of Ashland Celebrates Birthday, Surrounded by His 10 Children, 31 Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren.

ASHLAND, Or., March 22.—Clairborne Neil, an honored pioneer of these parts, was surrounded by a happy gathering at the Tozer residence on Laurel street, yesterday, the occasion being a family reunion of the father with his ten children, an event that has not occurred until the present instance in over 30 years.

The following were present to honor their parent and stepmother on this memorable occasion:

Judge J. R. Neil of Jacksonville, aged 69. The judge has one son living.

William L. Neil of Myrtle Creek, aged 66, who has five children, four daughters and one son.

Sarah Neil Chapman, wife of Daniel Chapman, aged 64, who has eight children, evenly divided as to sons and daughters. The Chapman home is in Barron precinct.

Leander A. Neil, aged 62, of Ashland, who has five children, three sons and two daughters.

Robert P. Neil, aged 60, also of Ashland, who has two sons.

Louisa Neil Tozer, wife of J. R. Tozer, aged 57, also an Ashland resident.

Virginia Neil Alford, aged 54, wife of R. A. Alford of Klamath Falls, who has two sons.

Mary Neil Dean, aged 50, wife of W. E. Dean of Grants Pass. Three children are credited to the Dean family, one son and two daughters.

Jefferson C. Neil, aged 47, of Barron precinct, the father of two children, one son and one daughter.

Gertrude Neil Murphy, aged 45, wife of J. J. Murphy of Ashland precinct. To this family is credited four stalwart sons.

This large family circle originally consisted of parents and 12 children, two of the latter having died—Thomas, at the age of two years, and John at 37, after having arrived at man's estate.

Mrs. Neil, the devoted mother of this large family, also passed to her reward years since, her memory being a blessed heritage to husband and children.

Clairborne Neil, the father, recently celebrated his 89th birthday anniversary, and the combined ages of parent and children aggregate 663 years, a span of centuries that sets the pace for old Methuselah. Mr. Neil has also the pleasure of being called "Grandfather" by 31 grandchildren and about 20 great-grandchildren.

These ten children, some of them accompanied by their families, met at the Tozer domicile on the 20th inst., holding this reunion which was one of the notable events in the family history. The aged parent is still quite vigorous for one of his years, and surrounded by his children and children's children, he enjoyed the reuniting of this large home band, an event on such a scale rare in this age and generation.

A beautiful dinner was provided by Mrs. Tozer, reminiscent features were indulged in, pictures were taken of the family group, and the memory of this gathering will linger with the participants as one of the happiest events of their lives.

W. C. T. U. MAKES A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. made an aggressive tag campaign in Medford Saturday and sold several hundred tags, the proceeds to be used in the fight for prohibition.

Exact figures as to the total number sold could not be learned, as not all of the workers had turned in their reports.

Rate War Fight Ends.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 22.—The end of the passenger rate war on Alaska steamship lines is in sight. It is generally conceded on the waterfront today that rates will be back at the old basis by April 15, following the announcement of the Pacific Coast Steamship company yesterday that the old rates would be restored April 1.

This action is the result of an expected heavy traffic to Alaskan points out of Seattle this summer. Booking for berths and business already "blocked out" is the basis on which an unusual traffic is expected.

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WHISKEY AT 15 CENTS A QUART

Didn't Cost Much in 1795 to Buy Booze, But Then the Average Wages Were 62½ Cents a Day, 75 Cents During Harvest.

(The Courier.)
Ralph H. Bowman of Springboro has left at the Courier office an account book originally belonging to his great grandfather, Captain Elisha Bowman, a soldier in the revolutionary war, who came from Connecticut to Crawford county in 1816. The book is in a fair state of preservation, though the paper is brown with age. In 1795 we find charges for 18 pounds of veal, 38 cents; three pounds of tobacco, 16 cents; half bushel of rye, 30 cents; five pounds of beef, 18 cents; 19 pounds of skim cheese, 32 cents. Butter brought 10 cents a pound, potatoes, 16 cents a bushel; 10 pounds of salt beef was charged at 32 cents, a gallon of rum 76 cents and a pound of eight-penny nails 18 cents.

Wages were not so very high in 1795, as among the charges is for himself and four oxen one day to plow, 60 cents; work by the day was 20 cents; he sheared seven sheep for one cent each and killed and dressed a cow for 16 cents. In 1801 corn was 40 cents a bushel, wheat 50 cents, potatoes 30 cents, butter 10 cents a pound, lard 10 cents, cheese 10 cents, candles 12 cents per pound. A pair of 2-year-old steers brought \$16. It didn't cost much to "wet your whistle," as whisky was 15 cents a quart. Wages had advanced to 40 cents a day and for half a day's carpenter work a charge of 60 cents was made. In 1820 a pound of plug tobacco was 22 cents. Wages were 62½ cents a day and in harvest 75 cents. Some of the old boys must have used tobacco freely, as one of them, in the course of two years, is charged with 22 pounds, one charge of four pounds being noted, and he only had two quarts of whisky charged in all that time. Butter was 12½ cents a pound. Salt pork was 10 cents.

**MAY MAKE BARRELS
IN CITY OF GOLD HILL.**
"One thing calls for another," said J. H. Hughes, owner of the big lime kiln which will burn the output of the Kanes creek quarries, "and our industry will call for a barrel factory to provide shipping packages for our product. We believe that in time we can put out enough lime to keep a small factory busy making barrels, so why not a large factory making barrels not only for us, but for shipment to other points. Other wood manufacturers might develop as a direct result of such a factory here. The kiln is now being placed in position, the site selected being a portion of the tract purchased from the Chavner estate by the new railroad company.

Hotel Arrivals.

The Nash—E. F. Guthrie, Eagle Point; W. R. Wallace, Portland; H. F. Hutchinson, San Francisco; J. L. Lane, W. P. Smith, Bristol, Conn.; W. I. Robinson, San Francisco; A. B. Patterson, Hot Springs; G. H. Roberts, San Francisco; S. Wilmer, J. M. Abbott, San Francisco; B. A. Gilmore, Portland; F. G. Morse, New York; D. M. McQuelin, Seattle; Joe Brown, Detroit; J. J. Lacy, Portland. R. B. Noble, Jerome; J. Forsythe, A. E. Pugh, Portland; J. N. Harvey, W. H. Carroll, San Francisco. The Moore—W. T. Taylor, Portland; W. T. Brown, Salem; R. B. Beeson, Breckenridge; H. D. Mills, Klamath Falls; J. H. Chambers, Cottage Grove; H. A. Smith, A. W. Brady, Chico; G. W. Brown, Los Angeles; L. C. Williams, New York; J. B. Campbell and wife, Saussion, N. D.; W. W. Graves, Jamestown, N. D.; Mrs. Butterfield, Phoenix; C. A. Peterson, J. F. Jordan, Portland; W. C. Byrne, Eagle Point.

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The Southern Pacific company will sell excursion tickets to eastern points at reduced rates on the following dates: May 2d and 9th, June 2d and 17th and 24th, July 5th and 22d, August 3d and September 8th, going limit ten days, total limits 90 days. Rates to Missouri River points and return \$69.90; to Chicago and return, \$82.40. For further information call at local ticket office or address A. S. Rosenbaum, Local Agent Southern Pacific Co.

SAY LA FEAN BILL DEAD THIS YEAR

Eastern Growers Object to Having Their Entire Product Branded as Inferior—Exhibits From Northwest Eye-Openers.

A Washington, D. C., special to the Oregonian says:
Congress, at this session at least, will not pass the La Fean bill to regulate the shipment of apples in interstate commerce. The bill in an amended form may possibly pass the house, but the subject is so vastly important to the apple industry of the whole United States that it cannot receive that consideration to which it is entitled, and for that reason its final enactment seems out of the question so far as the present session is concerned.

There is much more to the measure than was presumed when the bill was introduced, and the recent hearings before the house committee disclosed that the bill had many phases and two sides to every phase.

At the opening of the hearings the friends of the measure dwelt upon the importance of changing the size of boxes now in use in the Pacific northwest, so as to compel the apple-growers of those states to adopt a box not now in use anywhere—a box not at all adapted to the apples that have made Oregon and Washington famous. But before the hearing closed the size of apple boxes was found to be a comparatively unimportant feature of the bill, and the standardization of grades became the paramount provision, both in the eyes of eastern and western apple growers and dealers.

Western Apples Are Larger.

It was found, upon examination, that the bill provided for three standard grades of apples, and required the marking on each package of the grade contained therein. Grade A, the best, under the La Fean bill, would be apples measuring two and one-half inches in diameter; grade B, apples two and a quarter inches in diameter, and grade C apples two inches in diameter. There was allowance for a variation of only half an inch in the three grades. This standardization met the unqualified approval of the New York, New England and Pennsylvania apple growers and dealers in those and other eastern apples. But it met with decided opposition from the growers of the Pacific northwest. And fortunately the northwestern men had their exhibits on hand and were able to give object lessons in substantiation of their objection.

Several boxes of Hood River, Yakima, Wenatchee and Rogue River apples were on hand in the committee room, and these boxes were opened for the inspection of every one. It was shown that all the western apples in evidence exceeded the standard grade A proposed to be fixed by the La Fean bill, most of them measuring a full inch or more in excess of the diameter stipulated for that grade. These apples were passed around to members of the committee to demonstrate that their size was not their only claim to commendation, and the opinion quickly prevailed that the fruit exhibited was of the highest quality. Their flavor, their color, their condition and the compactness with which they were packed were all commented upon.

Northwest Wants Grades Changed.

Then the apple men from the northwest entered their protest against the gradation fixed by the La Fean bill. It would be wrong, they argued, for congress to attempt to fix standard grades for apples and make the highest grade two and a half inches, when the northwest was producing apples, any quantity of them, of much greater size, much more attractive and much more salable. They had no objection, they said, to the grading of apples, if the gradation be made fair, as with wheat and with cotton, recognizing the fine, large northwestern apples of three and a half inches as grade A, and from that running down, in quarter inches, to two inches or less. Indeed, the northwestern men said they would not object to a grade A that was more than three and a half inches, but they most certainly would object to the grade A fixed by the La Fean bill.

Such a standardization, they contended, would put practically all the northwestern apples on an equal footing with the inferior grades grown in the east, and would rob them of that advantage to which their appearance entitled them.

East Makes Pitiful Plea.

This objection was met by the easterners with the argument that it is not possible to raise as large apples in the east as in some parts of the west, and it would be unjust to their industry to require them to brand their best fruit as of an inferior grade. The most they could hope for, if the three and a half-inch standard should be adopted, would be a grade C or grade D, and this they did not care to have. They preferred, they said, to eliminate from the bill the standardization section, leaving only those parts of the bill regulating the size of boxes and the marking of packages.

But the western men did not open this fight; they did not invite legislation; they said they had built up their own industry, had established and were maintaining their own reputation and could get along without any congressional interference. But inasmuch as the eastern men wanted standard grades and wanted to regulate the size of boxes, they were willing the western men should have both if they would be reasonable and give the west a fair deal. The persistence with which the westerners insisted upon an equitable grading of apples, and the facility with which they made the standardization the paramount issue, so to speak, did much to discourage the men who had the La Fean bill introduced.

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\$150 AN ACRE—270 acres, foothill land, about 6 miles from Medford; there are about 85 acres on this place now planted to fruit, which includes about 26 acres in bearing. The bearing varieties are Newtown and Spitzenberg apples and Comice pears. There are 25 acres of Newtowns in their second year with peach fillers and about 6 acres of Newtowns just planted; also 20 acres of Jonathans and 10 acres of Bartlett and Anjou pears just planted. About 200 acres of first-class fruit land on the place. There are many springs on the place and considerable water could be developed for irrigation; two houses, good barn and other buildings. Would subdivide nicely. Easy terms.

\$2500—Sixty acres, 6 miles from Medford, about 15 acres cleared and partly planted; small buildings.

\$250 AN ACRE—70 acres, about 4 miles from Medford, free soil; 25 acres planted to Newtown and Spitzenberg apples, mostly 3 years old; in addition, about 25 acres under cultivation, balance easily cleared; good new 6-room plastered house, new barn; also set of old buildings. Could be subdivided into two or three tracts nicely. easy terms.

\$5500—Six miles from Medford, good new buildings, about 8 acres planted to Newtowns, Spitzenbergs and pears, 1 and 2 years old; about 7 acres additional cleared, balance not hard clearing; good team, wagon and machinery goes with the place. This is a 40-acre tract.

\$15,000—This price holds till April 1 only; 47½ acres, close to Central Point, good new buildings, level land, all first-class fruit and alfalfa land. This tract has about 7 acres in alfalfa and the balance is all planted as follows: Eight acres Comice in fourth season, 2 acres Newtowns in third season, 5 acres Bartletts in third season, 3 acres Winter Nellis in third season, 9 acres Newtowns and 1 acre Spitz in second season, 6 acres Bartletts in second season, balance just planted. The price quoted is but a trifle more than \$300 an acre, which is very much less than owners are asking for adjoining land.

\$12,525—Eleven acres in Comice pears, 10 years old; 9 acres in Bartlett and Anjou pears, 1 to 3 years old; close in; good soil; terms.

\$12,000—Eleven acres in Comice and Bose pears, 14 years old; these trees are in full bearing and will pay a good income on the price asked.

\$7000—Thirty-five acres of black sticky, 3 miles from Medford, all under the ditch and can be irrigated.

\$13,000—Thirty-two acres, close to Medford, 8 acres in Newtowns and Spitzenbergs, 5 to 7 years of age; 14 acres in alfalfa, 3 acres in peaches, 2 acres in berries; irrigated; buildings.

\$14,000—Thirty-five acres; buildings; exceptionally fine place for a home; 12 acres in apples and pears 3 years old; about an acre of bearing orchard; 11 acres in alfalfa; all fine deep free soil.

\$150 to \$200 PER ACRE—Stewart acre tracts; 2 miles from Medford; tracts are from 10 to 25 acres in size; fine building spots on all; can all be irrigated; cheapest tracts in Medford neighborhood; easy terms.

\$300 PER ACRE—Finest 5 and 10-acre orchard and garden tracts in the valley; easy terms.

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Tickets will be on sale May 2d and 9th; June 2d, 17th and 24th; July 5th and 22d; August 3d; September 8th.

The above rates apply from Portland only. From points south of Portland, add ONE WAY local rate to Portland, to make through rate via Portland. One way through California, add \$15.00 to above rates.

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Eighty Acre Ranch

Eighty acres of the best soil in the district; 78 acres under cultivation; 2000 Spitz and Newtown trees, 5 years old; 300 pear trees, 2 years old; two and one-half miles from Eagle Point; under Fish Lake ditch; can cut 50 tons of hay this year off the place; cash \$5000; balance easy terms, 6 per cent.

680 Acre Ranch

680 acres, 550 acres bottom land, 580 acres can be planted now; 5 acres orchard; Siskiyou county, California; three miles from the county seat, Yreka. Price, \$18,000, terms; a money-maker or a home, or both. Act quick to secure this.

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Twenty-eight acres, close in; this won't last long; the price is only \$15,000; \$5000 cash, the balance on long time; this is the chance of a lifetime to secure one of the choicest small tracts in beautiful Rogue River valley.

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Forty-acre ranch at Woodville, on Evans creek; 400 Spitz and Newtowns, 2 years old; 950 Bartletts, Bose, Comice and Anjou pears, 2 years old; all can be irrigated, and a 20-inch perpetual water right; \$150 per acre, half cash.

Fine Bottom Land

Fine bottom land, west side of Bear creek, six miles north of Medford, two miles from Central Point; 90 acres, all under cultivation, 70 acres planted to trees, 1050 Bartletts, 55 Comice and 250 Howell pear trees, all 2 years old; 1100 Newtown, 300 Spitz, 300 King David apple trees, and 700 peach, all 2 years old; 20 acres in alfalfa; six-room house, barn, three wells; all fenced and all buildings in good condition; \$30,000, half cash, balance one, two and three years.

Walter L. McCallum
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