

OLDEST PIONEER OF THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY COUNTRY PASSES

E. K. Anderson, until Wednesday the oldest living pioneer of the Rogue river valley, best known, universally beloved and up to a few days before his death a familiar figure on Ashland streets, passed away at his home on East Main street at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Anderson is said to have been the third man to settle in the Rogue river valley and up to three years ago was active in the labor of improving his home near Talent. He has been closely connected with the growth of Jackson county from the time of his entrance into the valley and leaves a host of friends in all parts of the county. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, 344 East Main street, Ashland, Saturday afternoon, Rev. Van Fossen, former pastor of the Methodist church officiating. The Masonic order will take charge at the grave. A large number of friends in Medford are planning to attend the funeral.

Fast disappearing are the men whose pickaxes awoke the California echoes in 1849, and who subsequently lingered in the wake of the gold miners and led such lives of peculiar hardship and adventure as will never again be possible in this great country of ours. Jackson county has its representatives whose courage seems almost incredible in the light of subsequent events, and it is safe to say that among them none is more truly typical than Eli K. Anderson. Mr. Anderson was born in Monroe county, near Bloomington, Ind., December 20, 1826. The fever of unrest got the better of him in 1849 and with two companions Mr. Anderson made the start for California in the spring, their equipment consisting of a wagon and three yoke of oxen, provisions and the necessary clothing. Arriving in California in the fall, he went directly to the mines at Redding Springs and continued in the pursuit of mining the greater part of the time until January, 1852, when he and his brother, James F., came to Jackson county and took up adjoining claims. Eli Anderson settling on the farm which has until recently been his home. The brothers built a cabin which both occupied, and which was so constructed that each half rested on a different claim. The brothers went to the Willamette valley for garden seeds and grain, and that fall sowed some wheat and oats, which they brought on pack-horses from Yamhill county.

In the season of 1853 they had 12 acres under wheat, which brought them \$8 a bushel. This wheat was tramped out with cattle and fanned with a sheet. Mr. Anderson and his brother bought an interest in the flouring mill at Ashland, which proved a losing venture, for they were at a great expense refitting the mill. They paid \$5 a bushel for wheat to convert into flour which was sold at 15 cents a pound. It is worthy of mention that this was the first flouring mill erected in the Rogue river valley.

In 1856 Mr. Anderson married Miss Elizabeth Myer, and about this time built a more pretentious house on his claim, this being in time succeeded by the present comfortable farm house in which the family live. Improvements were made as the harvests increased and met a more ready sale, and for a number of years they had the largest orchard and finest apples, peaches and pears in southern Oregon; and Mr. Anderson's farm gives evidence of the years of faithful devotion to its cultivation. Since 1860 he has been extensively engaged in building water ditches, notably the well-known Anderson ditch, which took water from Ashland creek, three miles above this city. Mr. Anderson was engaged in the merchandise business for a number of years in Ashland with J. M. McCall, Wilshire and Atkinson, and also in the Ashland Woolen Mills, which were the only mills of the kind in this part of the country. He and his son George W. owned the mills at the time they were destroyed by fire in 1890. He moved to Ashland in October, 1909, and has made his home in that city since that time.

Mr. Anderson cast his first vote for Zachary Taylor and has ever since been a staunch republican. He has filled many of the local offices and served as commissioner in Jackson county. He is a member of the Masonic lodge in Ashland. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, six of whom are living. G. N. Anderson, Miss Belle Anderson, Mrs. L. V. Steele, and Mrs. Lena Phillips of Ashland; Mrs. F. P. Burrell of New York; Mrs. Dora Wight of Seattle. The grandchildren are Miss Ernestine Edwards, Fulsom, Cal.; Miss Vita Annabelle Phillips, Idaho; Walter Fay, Lester and Chester Phillips of Ashland; Crittendon Tolman, in the Colorado School of Mines, and Chester Tolman of Sand Point, Alaska.

VISIT OF OFFICIALS MAY LEAD TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILROAD

As a result of the visit to Grants Pass of D. W. Campbell and Robert E. Strahorn, officials of the Southern Pacific in Oregon, the question of a future railroad from Grants Pass into the Illinois valley has taken on an encouraging outlook.

These officials visited Grants Pass at the invitation of a committee appointed by the trustees of the Commercial club, which had gathered data as to the resources of the Illinois valley, especially as to the agricultural mining and timber resources. The road also was in possession of much information, secured by their own engineers during the past two or three years. So with the combined data, the Harriman officials were well equipped with information when they made the journey Tuesday into the Illinois region.

Judge R. S. Lovett of New York, president of the Harriman lines in the United States and Mexico, made a brief stop in Grants Pass last fall, accompanied by other executives of the system, including William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific

proper, and while here the question of a branch line into the Illinois valley was broached to Judge Lovett. That official, after briefly discussing the matter, suggested that data as to the tonnage that would originate and resources generally be furnished to President Sproule. This was done, and as a result Sproule, at the request of the Commercial club committee, delegated Messrs. Strahorn and Campbell to come here and make a tour of the Illinois region and confer with representatives of Grants Pass.

The need of a railroad from Grants Pass to the south end of Josephine county is so great, and it is so universally recognized that the building of such a line would mean prosperity indeed, both to the city and the county. It is said that the two officials who have just made the trip into the Illinois region appeared to be both interested and surprised at the possibilities of the valley, and they no doubt will make a favorable report to Judge Lovett and the board of directors at the New York office.

TOTAL RAINFALL TO DATE 12.04 INCHES

The total rainfall thus far this season, figuring from September 1 to date, has been 12.04 inches. Last year the rainfall for this same period was 21.35 inches, or an excess last year over this of 8.75 inches. While it is true that these figures show a shortage of nearly nine inches, and the situation as far as moisture is concerned would seem to be very discouraging, but instead the conditions are more promising than they have been for a great number of years.

In November and December of 1910 the rainfall was 12.74 inches, more by .68 of an inch for these two months than the total this season from September 1 to March 15, but the rain which comes along during the early part of the season, even though there be an abundance of it, is not the moisture which makes the crops.

The rainfall for February, 1910, was 2.69 inches; for the same month in 1911, 1.77 inches, while for February, 1912 it was 2.63 inches. For March, 1910, only .77 of an inch of water fell, and still less in 1911 when only .34 of an inch was recorded, but during the first fifteen days of March this year there has been a rainfall of 1.27 inches, .15 of an inch more for half the month this year than for all of the two March months of 1910 and 1911.

It is the rain fall during the late winter and spring months which counts for good crops, and in this respect the present season is an especially favorable one. The total precipitation for February and fifteen days in March this year has been 3.90 inches as against 2.11 inches for February and all of March of 1911.

BIG SIGNBOARD TO TELL OF CENTRAL POINT

Central Point boosters some 25 strong turned out Tuesday afternoon and erected a sign board 64 feet long and some 12 feet high upon which will be emblazoned a few of the attractions of this city and the surroundings. H. E. Trovolla furnished the lumber for the sign board and other business men will put up the paint while mine host Sanderson, of the Hotel Dunlap, who was a sign painter before he ever saw a hotel, will decorate the big board in the very latest style.

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Should Women Vote

No one who keeps posted on the great work being done by women in professional and business life, and most important of all, in the American home, can for a moment doubt that they would vote wisely.

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Ladies' Silk Lisle Hose, double heel and toe, garter top, all sizes in black, tan and white, pair 25c. Misses' Lisle Hose, extra fine quality in sizes 5 to 10, colors black, tan and white, pair 25c. Misses' Extra Fine Quality Cotton Hose, pair 15c. Boys' Hose, a 25c value, in sizes 6 to 9 1/2, pair 15c. Ladies', Misses' and Men's Fast Color Hose, pr. 10c. Men's, Ladies' and Misses' Fine All Worsted and Cashmere Hose, 25c and 35c value; closing out price, 19c pair, 2 pairs for 35c. Men's Work Socks, seamless, pair 5c and 10c. Ladies' and Boys' Leather Gauntlet Gloves, just the thing for working in the garden, pair 50c.

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St. Patrick's Day

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 8 P. M.

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PROGRAM

"Grande Polka de Concert" (H. W. Bartlett) Ione Flynn, Irene Sullivan, Maude Newbury, Catherine Deuel, Josephine Root, Carolyn Andrews.	"Wearing of the Green," Apollo quartet, H. M. Whetsel, E. E. Gore, George Andrews, Ed Andrews
"Killarney," Apollo Quartet.	Vocal solo, selected, Geraldine Mikache.
Vocal solo, "The Irish Emigrant," W. H. Stewart.	Humorous selections, George C. Hennessey.
Violin solo, "Last Rose of Summer," Irene Sullivan.	Violin solo, "Kathleen Aroon," Ione Flynn.
Baritone solo, "The Heart Bowed Down," by Balfe, George Andrews.	Vocal solo, "Killarney, My Home, O'er the Sea," Katherine Murphy.
Vocal trios, (a) "Come Back to Erin," (b) "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," Cecilia Choral Club.	Vocal solo, "Dear Little Shamrock," J. P. O'Brien.
Oration, Frank J. Lonergan, grand knight Portland Council K. of C.	"Galop di Bravura" (Knabel), Ione Flynn, Irene Sullivan, Maude Newbury, Catherine Deuel, Josephine Root, Carolyn Andrews.

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