

# Interesting History Of Fern Valley Reveals Development Since 1862

FERN VALLEY, Ore., Jan. 6.—(Special)—The Fern Valley Literary society met January 2 at the school house. One of the most interesting features on the program was an article presented by Fred Robb, a history of Fern Valley, which follows:

"Fern Valley, in 1862, resembled little the picture which it presents to the eye today. At that time it had not even a name, and was all in three large donation land claims; Colver's, along Bear creek to the west; Hockersmith's, from the present Swingo holdings to the Stevens ranch, and the Miner's claim, from that line to the foothills on the east.

"Instead of the alternate blocks of orchard, alfalfa, grain, livestock pasture and garden land, the alluvial land of the valley was covered with a luxuriant stand of shoulder-high meadow grass, dotted here and there with great spreading oaks. Willows marked the course of the small streams on their way to Bear creek, and at about the west line of the Boyer orchard began a dense, almost impenetrable, jungle of cottonwood, alder and willow, and on the drier land oak, all tied together and interlaced with wild grape vines.

"Wild Beasts Plentiful and cougars stalked in this natural cover, being seen as recently as 21 years ago. A good place to keep out of after nightfall and so dark and gloomy that the owls doubtless hooted all day. But land which could support such a jungle was too valuable to leave to make homes for the wild beasts, and with the entry of the road in 1910 and the building of the Bear creek bridge in the following year, the Colver tract was sold off in 11 separate properties and six new homes were built.

"But the upper parts of the valley had for years been under the plow. In 1862 the Miner claim was bought by the Paynes, Champ T. and his wife Betty, later affectionately known to this generation as 'Grandma' Payne, sturdy pioneers, who had made the overland trip from Missouri in 1852, residing for 10 years near Harrisburg in the Willamette.

"The Payne home was at the site of the present Henry home, and the rugged cliffs to the east were known as the 'Payne' cliffs.

"A thorough believer in diversified farming, Mrs. Payne raised chickens and had a turkey farm, in which she pioneered in the field of irrigation. A spring was piped to a large tank. In this was placed a home-made canvas trough through which the water ran and seeped through the sides. The Paynes were the first dairymen in this valley and among the first in the county. Butter was made and traded at the stores, as this was long before the day of creameries. In the summers the cows were driven across the mountains to the luxuriant summer pastures of Klamath county.

"Wheat Main Crop "Wheat was the main commercial crop of the valley, following the practice of all new farming land. The natural meadow grasses, once destroyed, never returned.

"From Iowa in 1868 came Mr. Ebenezer Carver, a youth who, following the death of his wife, came to the new country to pioneer a second time. He purchased the second claim and lived at the site of the Fern ranch buildings. The towering black walnut tree was planted by his hands. He also set out a two-acre family orchard.

"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferns and their seven children came from Iowa in 1867 and purchased the Carver lands. Mrs. A. B. Ferns is the granddaughter of the pioneer, Ebenezer Carver. In addition to wheat, the Ferns planted corn, against the advice of the natives, and raised it successfully, large fields of it. They also raised the first alfalfa on this side of Bear creek.

"Mr. Ferns died in 1869 and Mrs. Ferns was thus left to care for a ranch of 600 acres with the aid of the oldest of the children, 14 years of age.

"Orchard Boom Opened "In 1910 the orchard boom was at its height. Fern Valley saw many new plantings. The first commercial orchard was set out by George Alford, followed soon by Hughes, Mrs. Ferns, Wards, Henrys, Hensler and Fished.

"Prior to 1910 a journey from the upper part of the valley was considerable of an adventure, particularly if Bear creek was on its periodical rampage. There were 29 gates to open between Mr. Alford's and Phoenix. In 1910 the new road was graded through, coming up the valley. This made possible R. F. D. service. Telephone wires were strung as soon as the road was located. In 1924 the electric line completed the list of rural periodical rampages. Irrigation was made possible by the completion of the Talent canal in 1922.

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ARTHUR LAKE, one of the greatest of the screen's younger stars, plays his most important role in "She's My Weakness," now playing at the Holly theater. He is teamed with vivacious Sue Carol in the Radio Picture all-talking comedy-drama.

## Ben Lyon in Fox Rialto Picture



This story of love in a modern sophisticated setting opens at the Fox Rialto theater tomorrow.

## "The Blue Angel" Is Craterian Picture

Josef Von Sternberg, who is rated as one of the greatest directors of moving pictures of all time, deserves the credit for bringing to light one of the most colorful personalities of American film audiences have seen in many a long day.

When Von Sternberg was permitted by Paramount to go to Germany to direct Emil Jennings' first talkie there for UFA, he was at a loss for a leading woman to play opposite the great German character actor in "The Blue Angel." But one evening he saw a musical show in Berlin in which Marlene Dietrich was playing. That settled the problem. Miss Dietrich was the answer.

"Morocco" was directed by Von Sternberg, who thus has the honor of being the director of Miss Dietrich's first two English-speaking talkies.

"The Blue Angel," which opens at the Fox Craterian theater today, is seen as the existing beautiful cabaret performer whom Jennings falls in love with and marries. That wedded life becomes a series of devastating events for Jennings as the prim and proper professor has no fault of the gorgeous Marlene's. As the plot shows, there are various philosophies of life. It is the fate of the girl to be in the ascendancy. It is the fate of the hapless man to fall into a degradation which parallels to sheer drama has never been seen on the screen.

Applegate Grange met Friday night, December 24th. A very good number was present, considering that the day before was Christmas.

The names of candidates were brought in and much interest in this locality is being shown. The class of our next meeting night is steadily growing.

The invitation to attend the joint installation of officers to be held in the Agency at Medford, December 29, was accepted.

The Community club gave a very successful dance Christmas night at the Applegate hall. Proceeds were turned over to the Grange to help in the improvements that have been planned.

Send Floods and daughter to the Williams Grange, where Mrs. Flood is assisting in information matters.

Next meeting of Applegate Grange will be January 3.

## WILD BEAUTY

by MATEEL HOWE FARNHAM

"I didn't mean that," said Sheila. "I thought—maybe he'd let me be a model too, and you could afford to let me stay with you. I've saved quite a lot—\$25."

"Blessedest!" Fanny choked, squeezed Sheila's hand. It was some time before she could explain that little girl had to do what their fathers said. That was the law—at least in this case.

"But we could hide, couldn't we?" suggested Sheila.

"They'd find us—your grandmother. . . Darling, you love your father, don't you?"

"Yes, Mother. Of course I would go and visit Daddy occasionally, but I'd rather stay with you." She added firmly, "And I'm going to when I'm older. In 14 old enough."

"Darling, you've made Mother so happy. I'll live on that hope. But you'll have to finish school."

"Well, 16 then. And every time I get a chance I'll run off and come—maybe this Christmas. Anyway the next one."

That night Sheila was sick, terrifically sick. But the worst was over in half an hour. Afterward she was allowed a comforting hot water bottle, instead of nasty hot wet towels, nor was she scolded and told she should have known that rich food would make her sick.



"Mind? My darling, my darling!" Sheila explained how chance had made it possible for her to have a few days without being missed; how she had left the local trail; at the junction and hidden in the waiting room until time for the New York express.

Though they slept late next morning, there was no hurrying through breakfast, no thought, indeed, of anything except to enjoy themselves. It was a day of raptures. First came Mrs. Murphy, while they were still in bed, to make up the fire and inquire whether Mr. Murphy shouldn't be sent after delicacies in honor of their visitor.

"That's an inspiration," cried Fanny. "Tell Mr. Murphy to get a fawn haddie. Do you like fawn haddie, Sheila blessedest?" Sheila did. She also liked strawberry jam, English muffins, honeydew melon.

"Anything else?" inquired Fanny anxiously.

"I would like a cream puff, or a chocolate éclair," ventured Sheila. She had never been consulted thus about her preferences in food, her grandmother being adamant about what was and was not suitable for growing children.

That afternoon they rode on a bus up Riverside Drive. In the evening a tall man, Mr. Wentworth, came, bringing Fanny orchids, Sheila a bouquet with a paper frill.

Monday morning Fanny took her daughter to the place where she worked and introduced her to Mr. Hirschberg and seven or eight of the prettiest ladies Sheila had ever seen in her life.

"This is my little girl," was what Fanny said. The tone of her voice, her smile, her radiant bearing, said, "Isn't she a darling? Isn't she the sweetest, dearest, cleverest, most beautiful, adorable, charming child you ever saw?" Mr. Hirschberg patted Sheila on the head, presented her with a dollar, granted Fanny the three days off she asked for.

Sheila's heart had ached hotly at the thought of her mother working for a living, but now she decided that work that meant dressing up every day in a succession of beautiful costumes was something altogether delightful.

"Does Mr. Hirschberg make dresses for little girls?" she asked her mother on leaving.

"No, sweetheart. If he did I'd have him make you one."

## CENTRAL POINT

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., Jan. 6.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hett and daughter Evelyn left on Wednesday for Portland, where they spent New Year's day with Mrs. Hett's brother and family.

On January 2, Miss Evelyn Hett started a nurse's training course at the Good Samaritan hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Hett will return on Monday.

A number of college students who have been enjoying the holiday season at home left on Friday for school. Those going to O. S. C. were Thelma Pankey, Louisa C. Davidson, Bertha Fisher, Bert Campbell, Harry Elden, George Elden, Harold Head, Bob Loesch. Those leaving for the U. of O. are Raphael Benson and Evelyn Hamilton. Donald Patten returned on Sunday to the Willamette university at Salem.

Miss Thelma Galt is spending a few days at the home of Miss Helen Mercer at Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nicholas entertained the following relatives at a New Year's day dinner: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Grisham, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Nicholas and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grisham and daughters of Grants Pass, Mrs. Lola Thompson and daughter of Medford and Mrs. Mary Grimm.

family returned Friday from Portland where they spent the holidays visiting with Mrs. Smith's sisters and brothers.

The Parent-Teachers' association held its regular meeting January 2. Mrs. Tolson, the president was in charge of the meeting. Traffic Officer Haucom was the speaker of the afternoon. "Law and Enforcement" was his subject. The high school glee club, under the direction of Miss Blood, gave two numbers. Mothers of the third grade pupils served tea and cakes after the meeting.

Prof. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes enjoyed a watch party on New Year's eve at the Wyatt home. Mrs. Jewett, whose birthday falls on December 31, was guest of honor.

Friday evening, January 2, the basketball teams of the high school met the Rogus River team on the local floor. The Central Point girls were victorious by a score of 22 to 15. The local boys were defeated by a score of 23 to 14. Hays of Medford was referee.

The county council of the Parent-Teachers' association will hold an all-day session at the Central Point high school on Saturday, January 10. The local P.-T. A. will serve luncheon at noon. Mrs. Bruce of Portland, state president, will be in attendance.

The W. H. C. will hold its annual dinner in the Grange hall, January 17, and the installation of officers will be held afterwards in the W. H. C. hall.

C. C. Althouse has been shipping steadily all winter. He sold 10 New Zealand whites, to one man and two large shipments of American whites went to New York from his rabbits. There is also a good demand for Havana rabbits. The prices on white furs have advanced 100 percent during the last two months.

## JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Jan. 6.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wilson, Mrs. Archie Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. George Wendt and sons attended a watch party at the V. T. Wilson home in Medford New Year's eve. The occasion was also in honor of L. T. Wilson's 50th birthday, which was January 1. He received several lovely birthday gifts. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keyser all of Medford.

The Misses Elizabeth and Cordelia Beuter entertained at dinner for Mrs. Mollie Britt and brother, Emil Britt, New Year's day at the Medford hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Westbrook of Eugene spent the past week with friends in Jacksonville.

Len Whedfield, who has been quite ill at his home the past few days, is improving now.

The California Oregon Power company had men at work the past week building a new line through F street.

Mrs. Katie Hoffman has been ill at her home on north Oregon street the past week with an attack of flu.

Kenneth Faussett from the Pennsylvania mines was a business visitor here Friday.

Mrs. Myrtle Merrifield and son Bruce of Medford called Thursday at the Henry Miller home.

Royal Neighbors lodge has changed the date of meeting to the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Plans will be made at the next meeting, Tuesday evening, January 6, for installation of the officers.

Through the columns of your paper we wish to voice our thanks for the cooperation and help received during our Christmas effort.

The Salvation Army was able to accomplish the following: 261 persons in families were furnished with Christmas dinners, 240 poor children were entertained at the Elks lodge building by a program given by Horace Bromley through the courtesy of the Copco company, and Rev. W. H. Funk of the Lutheran church. These children received a toy, a book, a box of candy and nuts, an orange and an apple.

Fire Chief Roy Elliott and two volunteer fire boys rendered very efficient service in passing out the candy and oranges and apples.

Thirty-nine other persons were helped with fuel, groceries, garments, rent, medical aid and other aid. Fourteen homeless men were given meals and two homeless men received a bed.

The Salvation Army, through Ensign and Mrs. James R. Paak, offers their sincere thanks to one and all for all help, money, material and time.

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