

FAMED AS AN INDIAN FIGHTER

Little did the pioneers who crossed the Columbia river in '56 dream that Skamania county would become one of the great counties in Washington. How it must have thrilled the sturdy explorers as they crossed the mountains and gazed down the slopes to the Columbia and White Salmon.

One of the very first to cross over and identify himself with the country and suffer all the privations and hardships and enjoy all the beautiful surroundings was Amos Underwood, who is now dean of the city of Underwood.

He crossed the plains with an ox team and settled in Oregon near The Dalles. During the early '50's when the Cayuse Indians were on the war path he enlisted with Company B, Oregon volunteers and was one of the prominent Indian fighters of his day.

He came out of the war with distinction and since his residence in Washington learned to know the Indian well and has been responsible in many instances of settling differences without trouble. The Indian learned



Amos Underwood, as he appeared at the close of the war.

to regard as well as fear him. They discovered that he was determined, yet fair and square and that is why they pinned their faith in him.

T. A. Wood of Portland, late grand commander of the Indian War veterans, of the Pacific Northwest, and who was a member of Mr. Underwood's company, states that to his knowledge, "Amos Underwood made more good Indians than any of the rest of us." He left Ohio, the state of his birth, strong and was determined to explore the west. He stopped in Iowa but it was too slow—he wanted to push on, and that determination will result in a flourishing little city on the Columbia, called Underwood, that will stand as a monument to his pluck and the generations to come will be told that Amos Underwood was and what an important part he played in civilizing the natives and in many instances "making good Indians out of them."

"Those who have known Amos Underwood for years," writes Mr. Wood, "when looking into his kindly face would never suspect that he adopted the methods of warfare of the savages and beat them at their own game. But the time required just such men as Amos Underwood and his associates in the Oregon volunteers and their methods of warfare. Their work at that time caused the Indians to respect the white man and made a lasting peace that could not have been conquered by any more lenient measures."

There is no more interesting person on the Washington side to converse with than Amos Underwood. He is a man of a good education considering the time when he was a youth the boys were fighting instead of pouring over school books. On certain occasions you find him in a reminiscence mood and he will spin a "yarn" that is interesting indeed and causes the hair to rise.

On several occasions the newspapers have sent correspondents to get "a story" of the old Indian fighter, and he is always polite and courteous and no one is ever disappointed if he gets started. The correspondent for the Glacier found him fresh from



The beautiful home and surroundings of Mordecai Jones, near Husum.

Portland after a session with comrades of the Indian war.

"What about the Cayuse war and how many Indians did you down in an engagement?" was one of the questions asked. "It is a long story, but I remember well an engagement that led to the capture and later the death of Chief Pope (Mux-Mux), head of the troublesome and tricky Cayuse tribe. It was on or about Dec. 7, 1855. About 400 of us were at old Fort Walla Walla and 200 of us struck across the hills horseback and encountered large bands of Indians. The Indians came directly to us, but had hoisted a white flag, messenger announcing they wanted to talk with us. Old Pope said he had heard of our coming and had ordered five big fat cattle to be slaughtered and roasted and all were invited for supper. The chief and about eight of his men stayed with us and the others rode off. We were led along a creek and for two or three miles, the trail passed under a high cliff of perpendicular rocks, leaving room for just one horseman. Across the creek was a thicket of brush. Nat Olney saw the trick and we came to a halt. We found tons of rocks above that the Indians had placed and intended to massacre us all and if we had passed on the trail not one would have been left to have told the tale. We went over the bluff but failed to find any roasted cattle or any sign of a barbecue. When Old Pope was asked about it, he shook his head and replied: "Klonaas bias quash tillimms." (I guess my people are all scared.) I was corporal and was placed in charge of the prisoners. It was a hard job for we were sur-

rounded with Indians, fighting them off the red devils waving the scalps of our comrades. In many instances it was a hand to hand fight. In an effort on the part of the Indians, to get their chief most all were killed. Olney who had rode on ahead heard the shouting and came back, and killed Old Pope, saying, "you old rascal, I'm satisfied now." The dead chief had attempted to murder Olney about six weeks before on the beef game. That was the end of Old Pope. I was said to be one of the best shots if not the crack in the regiment. I shot away one engagement 60 bullets and only got five Indians.

The old man who has celebrated his 70th birthday and who is now in the evening of his life, fires up when recalling the stirring days of the '50's. The coming of the railroad seemed to be occupying his attention more than the days of warfare.

Mr. Underwood has 40 acres in Klickitat county and 36 acres in Skamania. He recently sold most of his holdings to the lumber company thus giving them the right down the White Salmon. One year ago he placed on the market a town site and since then a new store has gone up, a hotel is under the course of construction, a livery is coming, a blacksmith is to locate there, a big pulp mill is under discussion, so is a cold storage plant. Mr. Underwood is to put in a large dock and ware house this fall, and when the road gets started Underwood will surely be a town.

Camas Prairie and Trout Lake country are taking hold and giving splendid support to the city owing to the new road and bridge. It cuts off four miles to the landing. The city has the very finest of water. Buck creek with its ice cold, pure spring water is to be sent down and will give the city the most perfect water system in the world.

SPORTSMAN AND AN ELEGANT GENTLEMEN

One of the best known as well as one of the best liked of men in the White Salmon valley is Mordecai Jones, who resides at "Hunter's Hill" near Husum. He has a ranch of 1,000 acres and has been the leader in the raising of fruit. He has one of the finest orchards in the valley and has taken a great deal of pride in watching it grow and develop in one of the best of producers. Mr. Jones has done a great deal for the Husum country. He is largely responsible for the development of that section. There is hardly a person on the Washington side, in the White Salmon valley, at least, who is not familiar with the name of Mordecai Jones. He is a native of Breconshire, Wales, but for the past nine years has been a resident of Klickitat county, Washington.

Mr. Jones has vast interests in Wales and his large income from his holdings has allowed him the privilege of enjoying his own inclination of hunting and fishing. Owing to his steady income that has continuously poured in, has allowed him to be rather extravagant, as it were, in clearing up his large acreage. He has thus afforded much work to the other ranchers who were not so fortunately situated, and has allowed them an opportunity of clearing, too.

There is general regret among the ranchers because Mr. Jones has decided to return to his native hearth, owing to the duties involving his business affairs. He has offered for sale this magnificent farm, arranged and improved to the very highest notch. Mr. Jones bought the tract because it appealed to him as one of the wildest tracts he had hunted over, and he cleared it of its wild beasts, and then transformed the wilderness into a perfect garden.

There is every comfort, a beautiful home, and all the comforts, such as one would expect to find, arranged by a person of wealth and culture following a pronounced hobby to enjoy life. Mr. Jones, other than a perfect gentleman, is a thorough sportsman. He has one of the finest kennels in the west, if not in the states. He takes great pride in caring for the game, and has been one of the enthusiasts in stocking the streams with fish fry. He has a remarkable record as a marksmen, and Mrs. Jones has to her credit several bears, while Master Jones, aged 11 years, slew his first bear not many weeks ago. So the family lives in this perfect paradise of

Underwood's Big Store.

On April 1, Smith & Clark took possession of the store at Underwood. Myron S. Smith had for many years been connected with the Wind River store and the general merchandising was nothing new to him. He had been a resident of Cascade Locks for many years. Associated with him is W. L. Clark, superintendent of the government property at the Locks. He is well known and has many friends. Soon after the new firm took hold and so much new territory was opened by reason of the new road and bridge that spans the river, an addition was placed on the rear of the building in the shape of a warehouse for the flour and feed department. The telephone exchange is in the store and Mr. Smith has just been made postmaster and is adding new fixtures for the postoffice, renting boxes and fixing it up in true city style.

The stock is complete in every respect including dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, clothing, notions, etc. Both members of the firm have great confidence in the future of the country and are doing everything to promote the best interests of the locality.

About Underwood Folk.

W. A. Wendorf, two miles from Underwood has 80 acres. He is going to clear it up and go into the fruit business on a big scale.

William E. Wheeler along the slope about three-quarters of a mile from Underwood is working a berry ranch of 120 acres. He has a splendid crop this year.

P. T. Finley, two miles from Underwood, has 80 acres, 20 of which is under cultivation. He has two acres in strawberries.

Ed Underwood, has a fine home and ranch up on the hill about one mile from Underwood. Twelve acres have been cleared and he has an acre in berries. He has been a resident of the country for 40 years and for many years was in Alaska. He is secretary of the Underwood mining company, and has charge of the liquor store.

Captain Harry Olsen, the Underwood and Hood River ferryman believes in the future of Underwood and is erecting one of the fine hotels along the river. This will be a great improvement to the bustling town when it is completed.

Fred Lathy is one of the big farmers and his tomatoes and cherries have a wide reputation for quality and excellence.

J. E. Larson in the Underwood country has one of the best 100-acre tracts in that section.

Mike Thornton is one of the successful fruit growers in the field. The past season was a very satisfactory one.

B. Vesteb is one of the old timers, and has one of the best arranged ranches in the Underwood country.

C. L. Tubbs has long been regarded as being the most successful and his fruit is always on the market early in the season.

William Orser has a fine farm and is going into fruit as fast as possible. Miss Orser, his daughter has also a fine homestead nearby.

H. C. Dello, one mile down the river from Underwood, has 80 acres of fine land, seven of which is cleared. He has 176 peach trees, 34 bearing apple trees and expects to do more in the fruit line.

George Knapp has one of the good farms along the river in the Underwood country. He has 40 bearing almond trees that are good producers.

Israel Ziegler, two and one half miles from Underwood, is one of the prosperous farmers. While he has not been there so very long he has greatly improved his 100 acre ranch, and has some fruit out and will go in for more.

Charles Thornton has just completed his new residence on his tract of land recently purchased. It is his intention to open a hotel and conduct a livery and stage. It is nicely arranged to take care of the travel along the way to Trout Lake and Underwood.

J. C. Clarkson has one of the fine ranches in the Underwood country. He has five acres of berries and this year he realized over \$1,000 from the crop. During the coming year he will place out a lot of additional plants and expects to have one of the big ranches in that country. He is one of the lucky ones who does not have to irrigate.

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The new bridge across the White Salmon river and the completion of the road to Trout Lake Husum, Gilmer, Glenwood, Camas Prairie territory making all tributary to the city.

Underwood has a fine general store, hotel, saloon, livery barn, meat market, and many new enterprises are under contemplation. A new dock and warehouse is to be built, and a large cold storage plant is considered.

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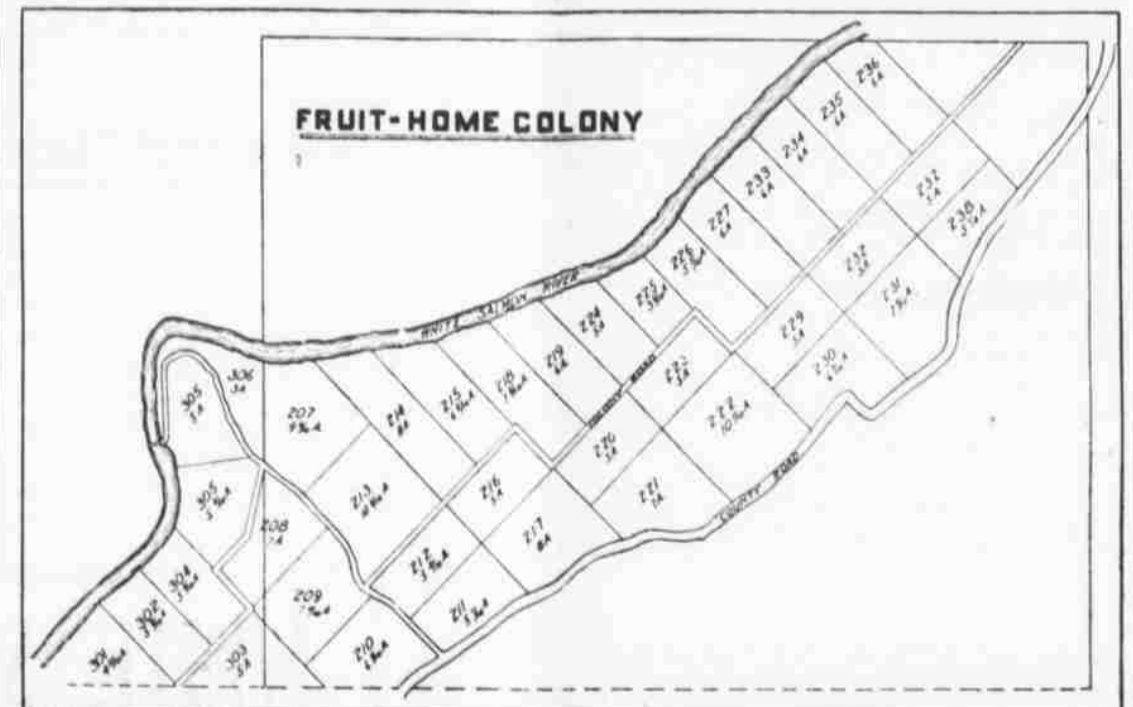


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