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73 Years In Cascade Locks

BY JACK McCrARY

The donation land law was passed in 1850. It gave every man 320 acres of land, and permitted a man and wife to take a section of land between them.

In 1852 F. A. Chenoweth and others came up the river from Portland, took land on what is now the Washington side of the river and started the town of Cascade, which stood about a mile below the present North Bonneville.

During the next 10 years the best land on both sides of the Columbia was taken up under donation land claim and when my father brought his family to Cascade Locks, or the Upper Cascades, as it was originally known, in 1862 the country was fairly well settled.

In the middle '50s the Bradford brothers, Daniel and Putman, built their mill across the river from the present locks, on the Washington shore. The blockhouse stood just beyond their mill. About the same time the Bradfords built a portage out of wooden rails on the north side of the river, to carry goods between the Lower Rapids and the Upper Rapids.

In the late '50s J. O. Van Bergen began work on a tram on the south side of the river. J. S. Ruckle and Henry Olmstead helped him complete it and they were hauling goods over this road when our family came up the river from Fort Vancouver.

For several years there was more activity on the north side of the Columbia than on the south side. The Bradfords, J. S. Ruckle, and R. R. Thompson, who owned the sawmill on the site of Cascade Locks, were industrious, far seeing business men. They were interested in lumbering and shipping and in time came to build steamboats, which they operated on the river.

The gold rush was on, with settlements springing up all through territory that is now known as Montana and Idaho, but which, until 1863, was part of Wasco county.

The Oregon territorial legislature had created Wasco county in 1854 and it was for nine years the largest county in the United States, and probably the largest county that ever existed.

Over in Eastern Oregon people were raising cattle and mining was active in the Boise Basin, up on the Clearwater, over in the John Day country and far over into Montana. The gold flowed west to Portland, where it was shipped to San Francisco.

Titles to land which is now occupied by towns and homes were acquired in those days; fortunes were made on the river; sawmills were being built; fishing was getting under way and there was a rush and bustle that made men want to acquire quick fortunes.

JAPANESE AND LOCKS EACH TAKE BALL GAME IN FAST DOUBLE BILL

The Japanese ball club of Hood River valley proved quite an interesting treat for the Cascade Locks baseball fans in their double header Sunday. So interested were the local supporters that after the Dam Builders had defeated the Nipponese in the first game, they cheered lustily in the night cap for the visitors who took the game.

In the first game "Bill" Brink held the scrappy nine from up the river to four hits, and four runs, while his team mates were clouting the ball for 18 hits and an even 10 runs. In the final game Tom Stubblefield, slow ball artist, pitched to the Nipons liking, and before he could be removed in the second inning, eight tallies had been scored. This proved quite a lead but the Cascade Locks boys were able to tie the score in the seventh inning, due to some remarkable relief pitching by Erwin Broliar.

In the seventh inning, however, with two out, and the bases full, Jim Stubblefield, in left field, let a ball get away from him, and before it could be located, four more visitors had scored. This proved the margin by which the Builders were defeated in the second game, 12-8.

During the first game Fred Kinoshita, first baseman for the visitors, hit the longest ball of the season on the field. The ball bounded, on the second bounce, against the Eberhart house, and before Bud Woodward could get the ball into the diamond Kinoshita had rounded third, and was headed for home. However in his excitement to stretch the hit, Kinoshita disregarded the necessity of stepping on second base, and Umpire Shook called him out.

An accident which happened in the sixth inning of the first game very much dampened the spirit of the Japanese. Ray Yasui, sporty and talkative catcher, attempted to stop Cramblett at home on Bob Woodward's double. As he was blocking the baseline when the local heavy-weight was nearing home, the inevitable collision resulted. "Choppy" came off second best, and nursed an injured ankle the rest of the game.

Hitting stars of the game were Corb Underwood and Mitchell. Both hit perfect scores in the first game but fell a little short in the second encounter.

Bob Woodward, who caught the first game, came to life, recovered his batting eye, and patted one pitch for a double, and the next time up hit for a single. This was the last game for Bob under Cascade Locks colors for a while, as he has been signed up by the Hood River American Legion juniors, and will hereafter play Sunday ball for Tom Johnson.

Bates of Eagle Creek heights, and Dick Shook of Cascade Locks were the usual good umpires. And Al Barber was chief roofer.

It is hoped that the managers will be able to bring the flashy young Japanese to Cascade Locks for another game in the near future.

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