

A Pioneer Mother.

An informal gathering and a dinner was had Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Minerva Armstrong in this place in honor of her 74th birthday, at which there were present Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Carpenter, Miss Emma Oglesby, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Armstrong, Eugene Armstrong, William Robinson, Miss Martha Robinson, W. J. Plymale and Miss Katie Plymale.

Grandma Armstrong is one of the pioneers of Jacksonville, she coming to this place with her husband, the late Robert C. Armstrong, and two children, arriving here in October, 1852. The family camped for a short time by a spring below the present high school building, while Mr. Armstrong built a pole cabin near where Judge Hanna's house now stands. It was in this cabin on February 24, 1853, the date entered in the old family bible at the time, that Cornelius Armstrong was born, who was the first or one of the first white children born in what is now Jacksonville. As to the other children who claim this honor, Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney states that her mother, Mrs. W. G. T'Vault, attended a woman, who with her family were in camp with an emigrant party at the spring below Jacksonville about July or August, 1852, who gave birth to a child. The late James C. McCully, whose birth was on August 27, 1853 is also claimed as the first white child born in Jacksonville. Mrs. Armstrong assisted in caring for Mrs. Anna Monroe the first white woman to die in Jacksonville, which was about November, 1852. Mrs. Monroe's husband been murdered early in the fall while coming with a pack train from Portland with a load of goods with which he was to start a store in Jacksonville, and her grief and exposure in a tent brought on pneumonia which caused her death.

In the spring of 1853 Mr. Armstrong traded his pole cabin and a hack to a Mr. Rogers for his claim two miles north of Jacksonville and he moved his family to it and resided there until his death October 30, 1881. The following year Mrs. Armstrong turned the management of the farm over to her sons, who still hold it, and she moved to Jacksonville where she has since resided, in good health until about a year ago when she had a slight attack of paralysis, but from which she has almost fully recovered. Of Mrs. Armstrong's children that are living, Miss Emma is at home caring for her mother, Cornelius and Eugene live on the old Armstrong donation claim, Mrs. M. J. Carpenter living on part of the Armstrong place, Marcus lives at Grants Pass, Robert at Gaston Oregon, Prof. A. P. Armstrong, Mrs. Martha Fleck and Mrs. Della Patterson reside in Portland.

Miss Gertrude McCallen of Ashland has spent this week in Jacksonville, the guest of her friend, Mrs. Dr. Gale.

Wm. Colvig returned Friday from Grants Pass and from Portland at which places he had been on legal business.

Miss Amelia Cox of Phoenix who is at the Medford hospital and who was operated upon last Friday by Drs. Cameron and Gale for appendicitis, is recovering rapidly and will soon be able to return to her home.

Beginning October 1st, the Medford stores now close at 6 o'clock p. m. except on Saturdays when they keep open until 9 p. m. The rule will be in effect until spring except the week previous to Christmas when 9 o'clock will be the closing hour.

Chas. Dutton came up from Gold Ray Friday and spent a few hours in Jacksonville. Mr. Dutton is employed on the construction of the big dam now being put in at that place. He says the dam is nearly completed and then work will be commenced on the big electric power plant.

The dining room of the U. S. Hotel has been rented by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McElroy of California and they will begin serving meals next Monday. They are said to be experienced restaurant people and will have a table service that will please their patrons and be a drawing card to the U. S. Hotel.

Dr. O. E. Smith, a prominent citizen of Eugene was in Jacksonville a short time Monday afternoon while on his way for an outing at the Missouri mine on Carbury, a guest of his old time friend, M. O. Warner. This was the Doctor's first visit to Jacksonville and he was greatly pleased with the place and especially the climate and scenery.

The Jackson county board of equalization, consisting of Judge Chas. Pirm, Clerk J. S. Orth and Assessor W. A. Jones, has been in session this week, but little work has come before the board as the assessments made by Mr. Jones have been so equable and correct that property

owners have had little cause to ask for a re-rating on their property.

District Attorney E. A. Reames left for Grants Pass Sunday where he has been this week in attendance on circuit court. There are several criminal cases in the docket. Thursday of this week the Gibson murder case comes up again on a re-hearing granted by the supreme court and the case will probably occupy Mr. Reames for the remainder of this week.

All taxes not paid by next Monday will be delinquent and on all such there will be collected a penalty of 10 per cent and an interest of 12 per cent so it behooves all in arrears to pay up or find their taxes greatly increased. So soon as the delinquent roll is made up Sheriff Rader will advertise it. At the rate that taxes are being paid this week the delinquent roll will be very small.

C. L. Pursel has resigned as postmaster at Pursel and as none of the other settlers desire to take the office it is probable that it will be discontinued. It will work no inconvenience on the patrons of that office as they all live convenient to the mail route to Watkins and the carrier can leave their mail in boxes at their places. Mr. Pursel has moved his family three miles above to his sawmill, where he has recently completed a dwelling house.

The contract for putting in the Jackson creek breakwater has been awarded to J. W. Bradshaw, of Trail creek, and Louis Dooms, who came to Jacksonville some time since from Missouri. The price for the work is to be \$320, the city to furnish plank, posts, spikes and the willow brush that is to set in the bottom of the trench in which the planking is to be placed. The tips of the brush is to be left above ground and it is expected that the willows will grow and make a breakwater to the force of the floods by the time the posts and planking give away.

Henry Kubli was in Jacksonville Monday. Mr. Kubli and James Buckley were up in the Siskiyou last week at the head of Big Applegate and brought down their beef cattle, Mr. Kubli having 30 head and Mr. Buckley 50 head. The cattle were in prime condition as were the stock cattle which were left on the range to remain a month or two yet. Andrew Cantrall, Arthur Kleinhammer John Robinson and Frank Crump whose cattle are on the Little Applegate range are riding this week and will get their beef cattle down to their pastures within the next few days.

The school bell arrived from Portland Tuesday and the board intend to have it placed in the belfry this Saturday and tested before it is accepted by them. The four clocks also came and everything for the school house is now here but the desk for Prof. Washburn's room which had to be ordered from the east and which will be here in a few days. The board has had the yard raked thoroughly and cleaned of trash and loose rock. The basement play rooms have been put in order and the wood for the furnaces stacked in the basement. The old wood shed will be torn down as it is of no use and was badly burned at the time of the burning of the old school house. Everything is now in ship-shape order about the house and grounds and the school is running in a first-class manner.

In the Gibson murder case, the third trial of whom is now on in the circuit court at Grants Pass, which was begun Thursday one juror was secured out of a panel of 40 jurymen. Following this effort to secure a jury counsel for the defense made a motion to have the case taken out of court as they claimed the accused was insane. To settle the matter of Gibson's sanity Judge Hanna appointed a commission which will investigate the case today (Friday). T. J. Gibson is on trial for the killing of John Schonbecker, an old man and a neighbor with whom he had had some trouble. In the previous trial the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and Judge Hanna sentenced Gibson to be hanged.

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I have in my hands at the present time a large number of Bargains in FARM, FRUIT and GARDEN LANDS, and TOWN PROPERTY, of which the following is a partial list.

- No. 1**—Is 550 acres more or less, 300 acres Rogue River bottom land, all fenced, good house, barn and other buildings. The balance, about 250 acres, good for timber and pasture. This place is situated on Rogue River, near town. The land is of fine quality. Price per acre.....\$25
- No. 2**—Is a tract of 1520 acres, all fenced, 1200 acres good alfalfa land; a stream running through it of 150 miners' inches of water with which the whole 1200 acres can be irrigated. The other 320 acres is higher ground, which is well situated for reservoirs and feed grounds. This tract is situated in Klamath county, about 20 miles from Klamath Falls, a county road running by it and a railroad now within about 50 miles and building rapidly towards it and is certain to pass near by it, or cross it in the near future. A good farm house and barn and corrals in the place. One of the best bargains in all Southern Oregon. Price per acre.....\$10.
- No. 3**—House and 4 lots in Phoenix. Price.....\$600
- No. 5**—55 acres, house and 2 barns, 12 acres bottom land, the balance, 43 acres, all good land, ¼-mile from depot; 12 acres under ditch at the head of the ditch. Price.....\$5000
- No. 10**—23 acres all fenced and in cultivation. A house and barn, about 50 fruit trees just coming into bearing. 1½ miles from town. Price.....\$1,000.
- No. 11**—145 acres on Butte creek, 25 acres in cultivation, 25 acres more to put in; all fenced, fair buildings, Jackson county, Oregon. A bargain.
- No. 12**—264 acres, all under fence, good 5-room house, good spring, water conveyed to house by pipe, 2 good barns, 215 acres of choice land in cultivation, good for all kinds of grain, 30 or 40 acres would produce good alfalfa. This is one of the best farms in the valley, 2½ miles from Phoenix. Price per acre.....\$35
- No. 14**—400 acres, 6 miles from Medford, a good house, 2 barns 100 acres in cultivation Phoenix.
- No. 15**—138 acres on Rogue River, 100 acres of as good land as any man could wish for. No improvements. Thirty acres of it could be made ready for the plow with 15 days labor. Price...\$500
- No. 25**—House and 3 lots in Phoenix, lots 60x120 each; good house well finished.
- No. 26**—House and 2 lots in Phoenix, lots 60x120 feet each.
- No. 30**—18 acres well improved, house, barn and other out buildings; one-half in young orchard; near Phoenix. Price.....\$1200.
- No. 31**—An 80 acre farm seven miles from railroad, level land, good soil, 15 acres cleared and fenced, 25 acres in pasture, remainder easily cleared. Dwelling house well finished, cost over \$500. Bearing orchard; fine well and springs; is sub-irrigated, and can be made one of the best small farms of Jackson county. Is owned by a non-resident who will give a bargain in order to sell quick.
- No. 33**—15½ acres, all in cultivation; house, barn, etc., near Phoenix; will be sold all together or divided.
- No. 34**—1200 acres all improved. Fine bottom land, Rogue River running through it; 500 acres under irrigation and balance easily watered. Good buildings and other improvements; six miles from railroad; near postoffice and school. Fine alfalfa, fruit or garden land. Is the cheapest land in Jackson county. Price per acre.....\$30
- No. 36**—1743 acres of pasture land on Rogue River. Will be sold at a bargain.
- No. 37**—1500 acres, 800 acres of it fine plow land; all well watered by fine creek and springs. Large part under cultivation and all under fence. Will be sold in tracts to suit purchasers. Convenient to market and in good neighborhood.
- No. 39**—2½ acres, three-fourths of a mile from Medford. Good garden land. Good box house.....\$350
- No. 40**—30 acres, on a creek affording plenty of good water; good soil and fine fruit land. Three acres in alfalfa; good buildings; near good school and other advantages. \$1500, one-half cash balance on time. Is a big bargain.
- No. 41**—4000 acres of choice land selected in an early day. Will be sold in tracts to suit. Will make a dozen or 20 fine farms. This is an opportunity to secure a home in the best part of the Rogue River valley.
- No. 43**—40 acres of unimproved land. Has some good fir, pine and oak. Most of land can be easily cleared; good soil, plenty of water; half a mile from school and church. Six miles from Bybee bridge. Price per acre.....\$10.
- No. 45**—Over 80 acres of good alfalfa land; 50 acres Bear creek bottom land with a large irrigation ditch. Two first-class houses, two good barns and a fine spring house. Adjoining land selling for \$200 an acre. Price per acre \$130
- No. 47**—City property, 2 acres, fine new house, good well and barn. Good land, 4 blocks from central school.....\$750.