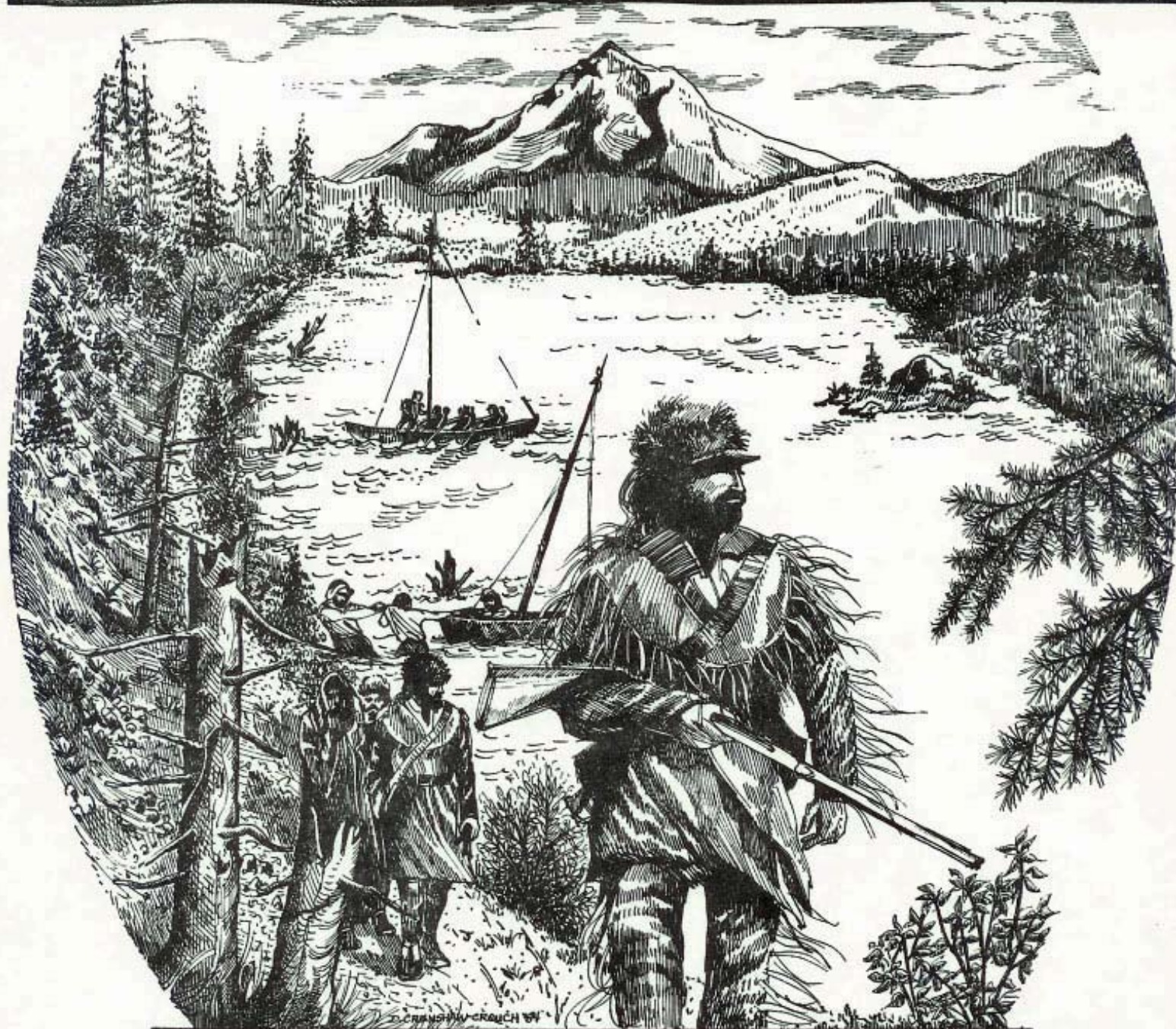


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Postoffices in Washington Territory

The following is a complete list of Postoffices in Washington Territory, arranged alphabetically, and corrected up to June 1st, 1886. County seats are indicated by (c.h.). Money order offices are designated by **full face type**. Those marked with an asterisk (thus*) are International as well as domestic money order offices.

Postoffice	County	Centralia	Lewis
Aberdeen	Chehalis	Chehalis	Lewis
Alderton	Pierce	Cheney	Spokane
Almota	Whitman	Chenowith	Skamania
Alpowa	Garfield	Cherry Valley	King
Alto	Columbia	Che-we-lah	Stevens
Anacortes	Skagit	Claquato (c.h.)	Lewis
Anatone	Asotin	Clenton	Whitman
Arcadia	Mason	Cleveland	Klikitat
Artondale	Pierce	Clifton	Mason
Asotin (c. h.)	Asotin	Cloverdale	Yakima
Avon	Skagit	Coin	Whitman
Badger	Douglas	Colby	Kitsap
*Battle Ground	Clarke	* Colfax (c.h.)	Whitman
Bay Centre	Pacific	Colton	Whitman
Bay City	Chehalis	Columbus	Klikitat
Bay View	Skagit	Colville (c. h.)	Stevens
Beach	Whatcom	Columbus	Klikitat
Bellingham	Whatcom	Colville (c.h.)	Stevens
Benson	Lincoln	Cosmopolis	Chehalis
Berryman	Walla Walla	Coupeville (c. h.)	Island
Bickleton	Klikitat	Covello	Columbia
Birch Bay	Whatcom	Cowiche	Yakima
Birdsview	Skagit	Cowlitz	Lewis
Black Diamond	King	Crab Creek	Lincoln
Blaine	Whatcom	Crescent	Lincoln
Blakeley	Kitsap	Crescent Bay	Clallam
Block House	Klikitat	Crystal Springs	Lincoln
Boistfort	Lewis	Curlew	Spokane
Brents	Lincoln	Custer	Whatcom
Brookfield	Wahkiakum	Damon	Chehalis
Brown	Yakima	Davenport	Chehalis
*Brush Prairie	Clarke	Davisine	Lincoln
Burge	Kittitass	Dayton (c. h.)	Columbia
Cape Horn	Skamania	Deception	Skagit
Capps	Lincoln	Deep Creek Falls	Spokane
Carbonado	Pierce	Delta	Whatcom
Carrollton	Cowlitz	Dewatto	Mason
Cascades (c. h.)	Skamania	Dixie	Walla Walla
Castle Rock	Cowlitz	Doe Bay	San Juan
Cathlamet (c. h.)	Wahkiakum	Donnelly	King
Cedarville	Chehalis	Dot	Klikitat
Centerville	Klikitat	Dwamish	King

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Earl	Lincoln	Ilwaco	Pacific
East Sound	San Juan	Independence	Thurston
Edison	Skagit	Irondale	Jefferson
Edmonds	Snohomish	Jackson	Cowlitz
Egypt	Lincoln	Kalama (c. h.)	Cowlitz
Elhi	Pierce	Kamiac	Whitman
Ellensburg (c. h.)	Kittitass	Kamilche	Mason
Ellis	Stevens	Kennewick	Yakima
Elma	Chehalis	Kent	King
Endicott	Whitman	Kidd	Spokane
Estes	Walla Walla	Knappton	Pacific
Ethel	Lewis	Konewock	Yakima
*Etna	Clarke	*LaCamas	Clarke
Ewartsville	Whitman	*LaCenter	Clarke
Fairview	Lincoln	LaConner	Skagit
Fall City	King	Ladew	Lewis
Farmington	Whitman	Laidlaw	Chehalis
Fayette	Lewis	Lake	Asotin
Ferndale	Whatcom	Lake Bay	Pierce
*Fern Prairie	Clarke	Lake View	Pierce
Fidalgo	Skagit	Lapush	Clallam
Fir	Skagit	Larene	Lincoln
*Fishers	Clarke	Latah	Spokane
Fletcher	Whitman	Leber	Pierce
Florence	Snohomish	Leland	Jefferson
Forks	Clallam	*Lewisville	Clarke
Fort Simcoe	Yakima	Lime Kiln	San Juan
Fort Steilacoom	Pierce	Lincoln	Douglas
Freeport	Cowlitz	Little Falls	Lewis
Friday Harbor (c. h.)	San Juan	Little Rock	Thurston
Fulda	Klikitat	Lone Pine	Whitman
Garfield	Whitman	Lopez Island	San Juan
Gera	Whatcom	Lowell	Snohomish
Gig Harbor	Pierce	Lummi	Whatcom
Gilmer	Klikitat	Luna	Klikitat
Gleneden	Lewis	Lyle	Klikitat
Goldendale (c. h.)	Klikitat	Lyman	Skagit
Grank Coulee [sic]	Lincoln	Lynden	Whatcom
Grand Mound	Thurston	McCallum	Kittitass
Gray's River	Wahkiakum	Maple Valley	King
Green River	King	Marcus	Stevens
Guemes	Skagit	Marengo	Columbia
Guy	Whitman	Marion	Pierce
Hamilton	Skagit	Markham	Chehalis
Harrington	Lincoln	Marshall	Spokane
Hartland	Klikitat	Marysville	Snohomish
*Hayes	Clarke	May View	Garfield
Hazard	Spokane	Meadow	Lewis
Hesseltine	Lincoln	Medical Lake	Spokane
Hillhurst	Pierce	Melbourne	Chehalis
Hillsdale	Whatcom	Melrose	Pierce
*Hockinson	Clarke	Miles	Lincoln
Hoquiam	Chehalis	Minter	Pierce
Houghton	King	Mitchell	Kitsap
Hubbard	King	Mondovi	Lincoln
Hunters	Stevens	Montesanto (c. h.)	Chehalis
Huntsville	Columbia	Moses Coulee	Douglas
Ilia	Garfield	Mossy Rock	Lewis

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Mount Baker	Skagit	Purdy	Pierce
Mount Coffin	Cowlitz	Puyallup	Pierce
Mount Vernon (c. h.)	Skagit	Pysht	Clallam
Muck	Pierce	Quilcene	Jefferson
Mukilteo	Snohomish	Quillayute	Clallam
Mullen	Walla Walla	Rankin	Lewis
Napavine	Lewis	Redmond	King
Nasel	Pacific	Renton	King
Neah Bay	Clallam	Riparia	Columbia
Newaukum	Lewis	Ritzville (c. h.)	Adams
New Castle	King	Riverside	Pacific
New Dungeness (c. h.)	Clallam	Roche Harbor	San Juan
Nibbieville	Kitsap	Rock Creek	Spokane
Nooksachk	Whatcom	Rockford	Spokane
North Cove	Pacific	Rosalia	Whitman
North Yakima	Yakima	Roy	Pierce
Novelty	King	Sackman	Kitsap
Oak Harbor	Island	Salkum	Lewis
Oakland (c. h.)	Mason	Samish	Skagit
Oak Point	Cowlitz	San Juan	San Juan
Oakville	Chehalis	Sassin	Lincoln
Okanogan (c. h.)	Douglas	Satsop	Chehalis
Olalla	Kitsap	Seabeck	Kitsap
Old Tacoma	Pierce	Seatco	Thurston
Olequa	Cowlitz	*Seattle (c. h.)	King
*Olympia (c. h.)	Thurston	Sedalia	Lincoln
Ontario	Whitman	Sedro	Skagit
Orcas Island	San Juan	Seguin	Clallam
Oren	Kittitass	Sehome	Whatcom
Orting	Pierce	Semiahmoo	Whatcom
Osceola	King	Sharon	Chehalis
Oyserville (c. h.)	Pacific	Shaw	Walla Walla
Padilla	Skagit	Shelton	Mason
Palouse	Whitman	Sherman	Lincoln
Pampa	Whitman	Sightly	Cowlitz
Park	Whatcom	Silcott	Asotin
Pasco (c. h.)	Franklin	Silver Creek	Lewis
Pataha City	Garfield	Silver Lake	Cowlitz
Pekin	Cowlitz	Skagit	Skagit
Penawawa	Whitman	Skamokawa	Wahkiakum
Peola	Garfield	Skokomish	Mason
Peone	Spokane	Slaughter	King
Perry	Columbia	Snohomish (c. h.)	Snohomish
Peterson's Point	Chehalis	Snoqualmie	King
Phinney	Island	South Bend	Pacific
Pine City	Whitman	Spangle	Spokane
*Pioneer	Clarke	Spokane Bridge	Spokane
Pomeroy (c. h.)	Garfield	*Spokane Falls (c. h.)	Spokane
Port Angeles	Clallam	Sprague (c. h.)	Lincoln
Port Discovery	Jefferson	Squak	King
Port Gamble	Kitsap	Stanwood	Snohomish
Port Ludlow	Jefferson	Starbuck	Columbia
Port Madison (c. h.)	Kitsap	Stark's Point	Wahkiakum
Port Townsend (c. h.)	Jefferson	Steilacoom City	Pierce
Prairie	Skagit	Stella	Cowlitz
Prescott	Walla Walla	Stephens	Spokane
Prosser	Yakima	Steptoe	Whitman
Pullman	Whitman	Sterling	Skagit

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Stillaguamish	Snohomish	Vashon	King
Summit	Chehalis	Vernon	Garfield
Sumner	Pierce	Waitsburg	Walla Walla
Sunshine	Pacific	Waldron	Jan Juan [sic]
Sutton	Whitman	Walker's Prairie	Stevens
Tacoma (c. h.)	Pierce	*Walla Walla (c. h.)	Walla Walla
Tampico	Yakama	Wallula	Walla Walla
Taxsas	Whitman	Wanatchee	Kittitass
Teanaway	Kittitass	*Washougal	Clarke
Tenino	Thurston	Washtucna	Adams
Theon	Asotin	Waterford	Wahkiakum
Thetis	Stevens	Waverly	Spokane
Tildon	Lewis	Webb	Yakima
Toledo	Lewis	Welch	Spokane
Tolt	King	Wenas	Yakima
Touchet	Walla Walla	West Fernale	Whatcom
Toutle	Cowlitz	Whatcom (c. h.)	Whatcom
Tualco	Snohomish	White River	King
Tucker	Cowlitz	White Salmon	Klikitat
Tukannon	Columbia	Wilkeson	Pierce
Tulalip	Snohomish	Willapa	Pacific
Tumwater	Thurston	Winlock	Lewis
*Union Ridge	Clarke	Woodenville	King
Uniontown	Whitman	Woodland	Cowlitz
Useless	Island	Woodlawn	Whatcom
Utsaladdy	Island	Yager	Whatcom
Vance	Lewis	Yakima (c. h.)	Yakima
*Vancouver (c. h.)	Clarke	Yelm	Thurston
*Vancouver Barracks	Clarke		



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BATTLE GROUND. A postoffice on Deep Creek, in Clarke county, 30 miles northeast of Portland, Or., and 18 northeast of Vancouver, the county seat and nearest shipping and banking point. Settled in 1854, it has 3 church societies. Ships grain, produce and lumber. Population, 75. Mail, semi-weekly. J. L. Groat, postmaster

Bell J S, flour mill.

Drew G W, general store.

Groat J L.

Palmer L C, sawmill.

BRUSH PRAIRIE. A postoffice in Clarke county, 1_[] miles northeast of Portland, Or., and 11 northeast of Vancouver, the county seat, nearest shipping and banking point. Population 25. Mail, semi-weekly. John Jay Clark postmaster

Vadnais Charles, General Store.

ETNA. A postoffice on the Lewis river, in Clarke county, 35 miles north of Portland, Or., 28 north of Vancouver, the county seat and banking point. Settled in 1882. It has a Lutheran church and a saw mill. Mail, weekly. Population 25.

Caroline Hopf, postmaster.

Davis F, carpenter and joiner.

Hamilton E R, gunsmith.

Hopf Caroline, General Store.

Murray S F, blacksmith and constable.

Reid & Fievez, saw mill.

FERN PRAIRIE. A postoffice in Clarke county, 35 miles northeast of Portland, Or., 15 east of Vancouver, the county seat, and 7 northwest of Washougal, the nearest boat landing. Vancouver is the nearest banking point. Population, 15. Mail, weekly.

FISHER'S. A village on the Columbia river, in Clarke county, 21 miles northeast of Portland, Or., and 9 east of Vancouver, the county seat and nearest banking point. Ship goods direct. It has a Methodist church. Mail, daily. Alma D. Buchanan, postmaster.

Buchanan S C, General Store.

Danforth C H, blacksmith.

Fisher S W, elevator.

HAYES. A postoffice in Clarke county, 47 miles north of Portland, OR., and 35 miles north of Vancouver, the county seat, nearest shipping and banking point. Population 15. Mail, tri-weekly.

HOCKINSON. A postoffice in Clarke county, established in 1885, 16 miles north of Vancouver, the county seat and bank location. There is a creamery and a shingle mill. Mail, semi-weekly. Ambrose Hockinson, postmaster.

Harnstrom & Hillstrom, gen store and creamery.

Hockinson & Bro, newsdealers.

Lindh Rev L O (Lutheran).

Olson --, blacksmith and wagon maker.

Taylor --, sawmill.

Thornton & Bone, shingle mill.

Vadnies Charles, gen store.

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LA CAMAS. A manufacturing village on the Columbia river, in Clarke county. 14 miles east of Vancouver, the county seat, and bank location, and 22 east of Portland, Or. There is a fine water power which is utilized by a roller process flouring mill, and an extensive paper mill; a railroad is projected to Tacoma, and a system of water works is in operation. Shipments, paper, flour and farm produce. Troutdale, Or., is the nearest railroad station. Exp., W. F. & Co. Mail, daily. Population, 800. A.. F. Mills, postmaster.

Algeo Wm J, bridge builder

Bates Charles A, meat market.

Blair Rufus, pres LaCamas Milling Co.

Wiley Andrew J, log contractor.

Wood Daniel, constable.

Wright Alonzo D, propr La Camas hotel.

Zeek Horace, log contractor.

LA CENTER. A village on the Lewis river, in Clarke county, 28 miles north of Portland, Or., and 20 north of Vancouver, the county seat and nearest banking point. It contains a saw mill and a flouring mill operated by steam. The shipments comprise grain, lumber and general farm produce. Ship direct. Population, 200. Mail, tri-weekly. John K. Gaither, postmaster.

Armstrong J M, constable.

Barnard O M, harness maker.

Barr George, saw and grist mills.

Bartlett James P, shoemaker.

Blair H, physician.

Bolen Bros, saw mill.

Brazer Mrs, hotel.

Culbertson A J, hotel.

Davis Dr R S, druggist.

Eland Ed, gen store and butcher.

Forbes A, saloon.

Gaither, & Forbes, gen store.

Greve Gus, hotel and restaurant.

Harrold Henry, barber.

Headley Thomas, blacksmith.

Hobert Henry, notary public.

Hobert & Kinder, general store.

Jessen Jacob, livery and feed stable.

Powell F W, boots and shoes.

Roper A E, carpenter and jobber.

Sandy John, saw mill.

Stone Charles W, justice of peace.

Tanner B F, carpenter.

LEWISVILLE. Also known as Hall's Bridge, is a post office on the East Fork of the Lewis river, in Clarke county, 25 miles north of Portland, Or., 16 north of Vancouver, the county seat, and 8 southwest of La Center, the nearest shipping point. Vancouver is the nearest banking point. Settled in 1882. It has a church and a grist mill. Stages to Vancouver. Population, 18. Mail, semi-weekly. J. W. Rowland, postmaster.

Certeux Joseph, farmer

Church Joseph & Son, flour mill.

Rowland J W, General Store and Farmer.

PIONEER. A village in Clarke county, 20 miles north of Portland, Or., 14 north of Vancouver, the county seat, and 3½ south of La Center, the nearest shipping point. Vancouver is the nearest banking point. Settled in 1866, it contains Methodist and Catholic churches, and a steam saw mill. Ships grain, produce and lumber. Population of vicinity, 100. Mail, tri-weekly.

Charles H. Greeley, postmaster.

Armstrong --, bricklayer.

Caples H R, justice of peace.

Crabb C, farmer.

Ferguson Rev W (Methodist).

Frazie James, constable.

Greely Charles H, Farming and Teaching.

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UNION RIDGE. A post village on Lake river, in Clarke county, 21 miles north of Portland, Or., and 15 north of Vancouver, the county seat and nearest banking point. Settled in 1853. It has a church. Ships farm produce. Population, 65. Mail, tri-weekly. Stephen Shobert, postmaster.
Mitchell J P, constable.
Mackey Samuel P, justice of peace.
Shobert Stephen, General Store.

VANCOUVER. Beautifully situated on the Columbia river, in Clarke county, of which it is the judicial seat, 18 miles by boat and 7 by land north of Portland, Or. The eastern half of the city is devoted to the military, this being the headquarters of the Department of the Columbia, and the storehouses, officers' quarters, and barracks, add materially to the appearance of the town. The shores on either side of the river above and below Vancouver are well cultivated and very attractive. First settled in 1826, by hunters sent out by the Hudson Bay Co., it was incorporated as a city in 1862, and now contains Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Catholic churches, a good school employing six teachers, and having an attendance roll of 300, a Catholic college, a court house erected at a cost of \$35,000, a public hall capable of seating 500, steam saw and flouring mills, excellent water works, an efficient and well equipped fire department, a bank, the First National, capital \$50,000, a telephone exchange and all the other attributes of a prosperous city. Steamers leave here for Portland twice daily and once a day for The Dalles. The press is represented by the Vancouver Independent (Rep., weekly) the Clarke County Register (Rep., weekly) and the Columbia Churchman (religious). The shipments consist of fruit and dairy produce. Stages twice daily to Portland; fare 50 cents. Tel., W. U. Exp., W., F. & Co. Population, 3,000. Mail, daily. Hattie Dennison, Postmaster.

Anderson W E, special timber agt U S land office.
Asberton Pipe and Mfg Co, John O'Flaherty mngr.
Athenour & Millberger (George P Athenour, Charles Millberger), restaurant.
Austin Wilfred S, register U S land office.
Ballard D P, lawyer.
Beeson John J, editor and propr Vancouver Independent.
Bell Frank, physician.
Bell Thomas C, teacher.
Bemisdorfer J Harry, tobacco and confectionery.
Blanchett Bros (Charles and Henry), notions.
Bloomfield Nathaniel H, city attorney.
Bloomfield & Daniels (Nathaniel H Bloomfield, W Byron Daniels), lawyers.
Blue Ribbon Band, A Dobbins leader.
Bolton Nelson F, contractor.
Bone John A, city marshal.
Bonneville Phillip, sewing machine agent.
Bourke Martin J, saloon.
Boyhan Michael, saloon.
Briggs Clarke N, livery.
Brewster Wm H, grocer.
Brown Charles, real estate and insurance.
Brown Matthew, saloon.
Bullerkist Charles J, fishery.
Campbell, & Vanatta (Miss Millie E Campbell, Mrs Lavinia Vanatta), restaurant.
Canby Edmund L, cashier First National Bank.
Clark County Register, Thurston Daniels Editor and Propr.
Clough Lynn B, sheriff.
Cochran John W, lawyer and stenographer.
Columbia Churchman, Rev A S Nicholson editor and publisher.
Connell George, county clerk.
Cook A & Son (Alexander L and Alexander J), nursery.
Crawford, Marshall & Co (Frank N Marshall, Edward G and Wm P Crawford), groceries, hardware.
Crawford Peter W, county surveyor.
Cushing & Co (Charles W, Don A, Edwin J, John W Cushing), painters.
Damphoffer & Powers (Peter Damphoffer, John I Powers), saloon.
Danes George H, stoves and tinware.
Daniels Thurston, Editor and Propr Clarke County Register.
Daniels & Marble Misses (Alice Daniels, Alice Marble), dressmakers.

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Delay Wm Henry, harness.
Delore Antone, saloon.
Dennison Benjamin F, lawyer.
Dennison Mrs Hattie, postmistress.
De Russey Lt Col Isaac D, 14th infantry, commanding post.
Dobbins Abraham, dentist.
Donegan Timothy, shoemaker.
Downing Robert W, carpenter
Du Bois Louis W, lumber
Dupuis Nicholas, wagon maker.
Durgin Miss Mollie, teacher.
Durgan Wm C, live stock.
Eastham A B, dentist.
Exchange Hotel, W W Proebstel propr.
Fecker Othmar F, druggist.
First National Bank (capital \$50,000), Louis Sohns pres, David Wall vice pres, E L Canby cash.
Fleischer Gustaf, tailor.
Flynn Matthew E, Saloon.
Francis John E, saloon.
Geoghegan John D, general store.
Gerber Jacob, tailor.
Gibbon Brig Gen John, commanding officer, department of the Columbia.
Goss James T, carpenter.
Goulet Louis S P, tailor.
Gray James T, capt stmr Lurline.
Gridley & Whitney (Harvey H Gridley, Mrs C N Whitney), Furniture, Farm Implements Etc.
Hague Charles I, meat market.
Harmer & Blurock (Edward M Blurock), meat market.
Harris Samuel, grain, hay etc.
Hausch Gottfried, barber.
Healey Joseph B, saloon.
Hidden Arthur W, nursery.
Hidden Lowell M, brick mnfr.
Hitchcock George C, real estate and ins.
Higgins Wm J, confectionery and cigars.
Hofsteater & Co (Orlando M Hoffsteater, Wm Stafford), photographers.
Holy Angels' College, Rev S M G Schram pres, Prof P Hough principal.
Hughes George F, mngr W U Tel Co.
Jaggy John, general store.
Johnson W W, principal school.
Junger Rt Rev Aogedius, Bishop of Nesqually.
Lancaster Columbia, lawyer.
Lane Capt Nat H, manager Vancouver ferry.
Lee Hop, laundry.
Loomis Miss Amanda, teacher.
Lowe Joseph P, jeweler.
McAndrews Alexander, surveyor.
McCarty Edward, propr Vancouver house.
McCavett James, blacksmith.
McFarland Wm D, director Washington school for defective youths.
McHall James, grocer.
McIntosh Daniel M, physician.
McKim Wm, furniture and crockery.
Magee Edward, plumbing.
Maxon & Dupuis (Wm E Mason, Edward Dupuis), carpenters.
Marble Ansil S, general store.
Marsh Samuel, blacksmith.
Miller Gustaf, merchant tailor.

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Miller John, carriage maker.
Moore Allen S, propr Vancouver City flour mill.
Morrison Benjamin, hoop mnfr.
National Hotel, Wm P Walker propr.
Newman Mrs Anna, milliner.
Newman T B & Son (Thomas B and George T), jewelers.
Nichols Lawson A, paints, sash doors etc.
Nicholson Rev Albert S (Episcopal).
Nicholson Mrs A S, music teacher.
O'Flaherty John, mngr Asberton Pipe and Mnfg Co.
O'Keane John, receiver U S land office.
Oliver Joseph A, barber
Pacific House, Mrs Elizabeth W Wright Propr.
Padden Thomas W, saloon.
Paine Manwell, wood yard.
Palmer Loring C, saw mill.
Pender John, livery.
Phillips Rev Robert (Methodist).
Pincus Adolphus P, constable.
Piper Edward T, physician.
Proebstel Wm W, propr Exchange hotel.
Providence Academy, Sister John of the Cross, mother superior.
Quaglia Gottardo, tailor.
Quong Hing Wa, laundry.
Radcliff & Shank (James Radcliff, Wallace B Shank), saloon.
Rancke Wm, probate judge.
Robb Richard, county assessor.
St Genevieve's Orphanage (female).
St Vincent's Orphanage (male).
Schlegel Christian, carpenter and builder.
Schofield Nicholas, general store.
Schuele D F, county treasurer.
Sears & Sperry (George P Sears, George H Sperry), cigars, tobacco and notions.
Semple Eugene, saw mill
Slocum Charles W, general store.
Smith Mrs Elizabeth, restaurant.
Smith John F, justice, cigars, tobacco, etc.
Smith J O & Son (James O and Jerome B), Livery.
Smith J Randolph, physician.
Snodgrass James A, county auditor.
Sohns & Schuele (Louis Sohns, David F Schuele), general store.
Soon Hand, laundry.
Sparlins Frederick W, physician.
Stamp David, contractor.
Stevens Wm C, bakery.
Steward George H, lawyer.
Thomlinson Lemuel C, barber.
Thompson Rev John R (Presbyterian).
Thornton Louis P, carpenter.
Toussaint Augustus F, justice of peace.
Toussaint & Handy (Augustus F Toussaint, Joseph B Handy), saloon.
United States Land Office, John O'Keane receiver, Wilfred S Austin register.
Vancouver City Flour Mills, A S Moore propr.
Vail Clarence, hardware and carpenter.
Vancouver Independent, J J Beeson editor and propr.
Vancouver Ferry, Capt Nat H Lane.
Vancouver House, Edward McCarty propr.
Vancouver and Portland Stage Line, J O Smith & Son proprs.

Waggener James jr, books and stationery.
Walker Wm P, propr National hotel.
Wall David, drugs and stationery.
Warren Rev M N (Christian).
Washington School for Defective Youths, Wm D McFarland director.
Westhoff Julius C, saloon.
Whipple Miss Ella, physician.
Wilson George F, physician at garrison.
Wintler Jacob R, general store.
Wintler John J, harness.
Wise Mrs Amelia, general store.
Wolf Robert, boots and shoes.
Woolenweber Wm, machine shop.
Wright Mrs Elizabeth W, propr Pacific house.
Young Anton, brewer.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS. A postoffice at the military post of Vancouver, in Clarke county, 7 miles north of Portland, Or. Mail, daily. Mrs. N. K. Rice, postmaster.

WASHOUGAL. A village in Clarke county, on the Columbia river, 35 miles by water northeast of Portland, Or., and 18 east of Vancouver, the seat of justice and nearest banking point. It contains a Congregational church, a public hall and a good hotel. Ships fruit and produce. A daily line of steamers call here. Population, 100. Mail, daily. Joseph E. C. Durgan, postmaster.

Braun, Fritz, hotel.
Carpenter Henry, general store.
Gary & Herzig, general store.
Gibbons Edward, dairyman.
Gibbons Mason, dairyman.
Holm John, blacksmith.
Kersey Albert H, carpenter.
McKenney E F, physician.
Mitchell G, apiary.
Ough Richard, dairyman.
Parmment, Rev John M.
Rott Edward, saw mill.
Russell L D, justice and dairyman.
Sheppard David, dairyman.

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Proceedings of Board of County Commissioners.

Adjourned May Term, 1878 Tuesday, May 23, 1878. Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - **James A. Kerns, Lindley Meeker** Commissioners, **John H. Fletcher**, Sheriff

The following claims allowed, to-wit:

David Wall Stationery	\$23.90
David Wall medicines	6.56
David Wall rent	45.00
W. U. Telegraph Co., telegrams	5.62

and **Henry Christ**, County and **Chas. Brown**, Clerk,

The following Road Supervisors appointed to-wit:

District No. 3, **Wm Horn**
District No. 4, **A. J. Sturgess**
District No. 5, **John Rothburn**
District No. 6, **John Thomas**
District No. 7, **J. W. Alexander**
District No. 9, **S. W. Fishter**
District No. 10, **Philip Christ**
District No. 14, **John R. Eaton**
District No. 19, **S. D. Potts**
District No. 21, **Geo. A. Whipple**
District No. 22, **Jacob Wagenblast**
District No. 23, **Thos. W. Robinson**
District No. 24, **H. C. Blackwood**
District No. 25, **F. G. Lawton**
District No. 28, **Hyal Lawerence**
District No. 29, **Geo. Ellon**
District No. 31, **Wm. Smith**
District No. 32, **James Turpie**
District No. 33, **Peter J. Stice**

School District No. 19 subdivided and a new district to be designated as School District No. 50 organized with the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at the North Fork of Lewis River at the point where the section line between Sections 16 and 17, Township 5 north, Range 1 east, strikes said river, and running thence east through the center of said Sections 16 and 17, thence south 2, miles, thence west 1- miles, thence south to intersection with south Fork of

Lewis River, thence down said South Fork of Lewis River to its junction with the North Fork of Lewis River, and thence up said North Fork of Lewis River to the place of beginning.

The following Grand and Petit Jurors selected, to-wit:

Grand Jurors

Wm. Ranck, J. T. Gerow, Anton Young, John H. Timmon, D. F. Schuele, ,James Padden, Gabriel Zimmerman, D. N. Spencer, Geo. W. Hart, W. H. Hitchcock, Wm, H. Dillon, H. H. Burr, Ingersoll Stanwood, A. H. Garton, J. J. Wintler , Ethan Allyn, Z. P. Wyatt, Jesse Holbrook

Petit Jurors

James Reed, Abram Coolings, Magilbra Anderson, T. A. McClellan, P. Saunder, E. Tyszkiewicz , Mat Sprugeon, John Rothburn, Thos. C. Nye, M. Butterfield, W. B. Campbell, J. W. Stoops, Philip Shintaffer, E. J. Calvin, Geo. Dimonick, Thos. J. Beatty, Stephen Wright Jr., Morris B. Jones, L. M. Hidden, D. M. Payne, Saml, P. Marsh, Robert Wolf, Millard Vaughan, H. H. Carpenter, G. B. Gilihan

Assessment roll for the tear 1878 examined, corrected and approved and the following taxes levied thereon, to-wit:

County Tax	8 mills
Territorial Tax	4 mills
School Tax	6 mills
Road Tax	5 mills

The following claims examined allowed to-wit **G. W. Durgin**, assessing county and taking census. \$602.20

David Wall, Medicines \$14.00

In the case of the Territory vs. **John McKenna**, the following costs allowed, to-wit:

G.T. McConnell, Dep. Clerk, \$7.55

H.H. Gridley, Justice of the Peace, 14.15

G. W. Brant, Constable, 10.20

L. Robinson, Constable, .60

Chas. Brown, Witness, 2.20

Wm. Alderman, Witness, 2.20

Jas. A. Kerns, County Commissioner, allowed 10 days' attendance and mileage, 57.50

L. Meeker, County Commissioner, allowed 10 days' attendance and mileage, 54.50

Henry Christ, County Commissioner, allowed 10 days' attendance and mileage. 51.50

J. H. Fletcher, Sheriff, 10 days' attendance, 30.00

Chas. Brown, Clerk, 10 days' attendance., 30.00

Board adjourned, since die.

James A. Kerns,

Chairman Board County Commissioners.

Attest: **Chas. Brown**, County Auditor and Clerk.

A Wedding Postponed - Vancouver is getting a great reputation as a marrying town - or, as a nice town to get married in. Runaways always come here from Oregon, and persons often come who have no need to run away, except for the fun of a quiet wedding. The last thing startling in this line was a young couple who came over this week, with Oregon licenses all duly made out, and who were much disappointed to find that Oregon marriage licenses would not pass current with Vancouver marrying officials. As they had no witnesses in Vancouver to

enable them to procure a new license. they were obliged to postpone the wedding a day, until they could return to Oregon and get up a common - Place wedding. (5/3)

The body of Mrs. **Mary Weis**, who died in 1866 at the age of 60, and buried at Fort Wayne, was recently disinterred and found to be completely petrified. The deceased weighed 200 pounds when she died. When the body was exhumed every portion of it was hard as rock, and the features as natural as life, (2/4)

Died - On Sauvie's Island, June 3d, 1878, of diphtheria, **William son of Martin and Sarah Gillihan**, aged 4 years.

Near Parker's Landing, Friday, May 24th, **Joseph Erni**, was a native of Switzerland, and has been a resident of Clarke county for many years: (4/4)

The remains of **Martin Gillihan's child** were brought to Vancouver from Sauvie's Island on Tuesday, and buried in the Vancouver Cemetery. Many friends of Mr. **Gillihan's family** will learn with sorrow their bereavement. (5/2)

Singular Growth of Hair after Death:

(Prom the Olympia Transcript)

In this vicinity, recently, the remains of a man who died of rods buried over twenty years ago were taken up for removal to another burying place, and on opening the grave the hair of the head and beard of the man was found to have grown so as to cover the feet. Everything else in the coffin had passed away excepting the bleached bones, while this cloud of hairs as clean and fresh as if it had just been washed and dried, filled the coffin. The litter, with its singular contents, was carefully raised without disturbing and again conveyed to another resting place. We have heard of the hair and beard of persons dying to grow to a short extent, but this actual occurrence surpasses anything we have ever heard or know. (8/i)

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Golden Wedding - (Albany Cogn.) Democrat, May 26th). Not very often do we have the pleasure of writing up such an occurrence as this. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. **George Humphrey** celebrated their golden wedding in this city, and they were followed shortly afterward by Mr. and Mrs. **John Smith**, and now comes Mr. and Mrs. **Jos. E. Bently**. They now live at Waterloo, but having been old residents of Albany, and all their children residing their, they came in yesterday and celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at the residence of **Judge Johns**, their son-in-law, last evening. A large number of invited crests were present, and all enjoyed themselves very much. **Jos. E. Bentley** was born in Berkley county, Virginia, August 6, 1806. His wife, whose maiden name was **Sarah C. Prettyman**, was born April 7, 1808, in Ohio county, Virginia. They were married at Alexandria, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of May, 1828. They emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1831, and from there to Arkansas in 1837. In the year 1853 they emigrated to Oregon, and ever since have resided in Linn county. They have raised half a score of children, only two of whom have died, and six were present at the golden wedding last evening.

Married - In this city, June 3d, 1878, by the **Rev. A. S. Nicholson Joseph Knott** and **Mrs. Harvey**, both of Portland, Oregon.

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Mrs. Ingram returned from a visit to her sisters on Lewis River last Friday. (5/2)

Mrs. A. G. Cook and daughter left San Francisco on the Idaho, for Portland, on Saturday last, and arrived at Vancouver yesterday morning.

J. M. Fletcher's house was made glad last week by the arrival of **Mrs. Riggs**, her two children, and his daughter Miss **Lizzie Fletcher**, from the upper country.

Memorial Window - Last week a very fine stained glass window was placed in position in St. Luke's Church, Vancouver. The plain inscription upon it explains the whole. "**Col. and Mrs. Hodges**, U.S.A. In Memory of their Children,"

Married - At the residence of the bride's parents, June 12, 1878, **C.C. Bozarth**, J. P., Mr. **Thos. C. King** and Miss **Amelia Bozarth**, all of Pekin, Clarke county, W. T. (5/3)

Masonic - The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Masons for Washington Territory, held at Olympia last week. **Elisha P. Perry**, Grand Master; **Lewis P. Berry**, Deputy Grand Master; **Geo. W. Durgin**, Senior Grand Warden; **Henry H. Wolfe**, Junior Grand Warden; **Benj. Harned** Grand Treasurer; **T. M. Reed**, Grand Secretary. The following officers were appointed: **Rev. J. R. Thompson**, Grand Chaplain; **W. McMicken**, Grand Lecturer; **J. D. Laman**, Grand Orator; **Le F.A. Shaw**, Grand Marshal; **N. D. Hill**, Grand Bible Bearer; **E. Blackman**, Grand Sword Bearer; **Jesse W. George**, Grand Standard Bearer; **F. Tarbell**, Senior Grand Deacon; **J. D. McAllister**, Junior Grand Deacon; **Henry Wintler**, Senior Grand Steward; **Geo. W. Goodwin**, Junior Grand Steward; **William Billings**, Grand Tyler. (5/3)

The desk, trunk, and some other of the personal effects of **Thomas Stephens**, late of the Pacific hotel, but now in a confined situation, were on Monday sold at auction by Sheriff Fletcher, but brought only nominal to sums, as some purchasers suspected that a law suit might be included with the articles. (5/1)

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Mr. and Mrs. Whitlo, of Lafayette celebrated their 50th anniversary of wedded life at their residence the 12th inst. (4/1)

Married - At the Dalles, June 23d. by **Judge L. L. McArthur**. Mr. **Joe Miles** (job printer) to Miss **Florence Dorsey**, all of Portland. (4/3)

Fourth of July at Vancouver - On Tuesday evening the Fire Department and appointed committees to act with the council committee in making arrangements for the coming celebration.

The committee on the part of the City Council is composed of **M. Wintler**, and **C. H. Whitney** and **B. F. Preston**.

Committee from Fire Co. No. 1 - **T. W. Padden** and **J. Francis**.

Committee from Fire Co. No. 3 - **John McMullen** and **H. Heitman**.

Committee from H. and L. Co. - **Joseph Burke** and **F. W. Biers**.

The officers of the day appointed by the committees are: President, **J. J. Beeson**. Reader of the Declaration, **Chas. E. Brown**, Orator, **W. H. Smallwook**, Chaplain, **Rev. A. S. Nicholson**. Grand Marshal, **G. W. Durgin**.

At the celebration there will be a full turnout of the fire department, in a good band, etc., exercises will take place in the public park at the close of the parade. Arrangements for several attractive features of a celebration are now being made, frll particulars of which will be given in posters. Vancouver will celebrate with due pomp and ceremony, and it will be a genuine civic celebration. (5/2)

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Vancouver Clarke county, W. T. June 26th, 1878;

Ladies List:

Clark, Mrs. Mary Jane,
Dayman, Susanna,
Ford, Mary P.,
Russell, Mrs. M.,

Lishar, Mary
Maxwell, Mrs. Capt.
Morgan, Mrs. Anna A.
Warner, Miss Dora

Gentlemen's List

;
Bush, George;
Bourke, M. G.;
Cambern, Chas. ;
Campbell, Samuel 2 ;
Carrothers, C.;
Dahl, Louis, 2 ;
Ellras, John H.;
Gates, W. W ;
Glendie, Wm.;
Hall, Charlie;
Hay, Thos. H.;
Hartoin, Phillipi;
Jackson, J. W.;
Janson, Ole;
Jilley, Stephen;
Jones, Seth E.;
Landers, M. C.;
Morgan, Bunyan;
O'Conner, Patrick;
Rusie, Owen;
Smith, Samuel.;
Wickman, R. F.

(5/4)

The Plains Across - About the middle of June 1877, **Dr. William Kempt** (sic) stated from Keakuk, Iowa, with his family, consisting of his wife and three children, in a two horse wagon, for the purpose of going to his father, who was living in Oregon. **Mr. Kemp** succeeded in reaching the Black Hills in safety. There, unfortunately, his horses were poisoned by drinking alkali water. This misfortune left him teamless and without means to purchase a span of horses. He was compelled to dispose of his wagon and remain during the inter in the Black Hills country, and had to work very hard for himself and family. In the spring he started west and managed to work his way as far as Ogden with a freight team. On arriving there he was again stranded and unable to proceed further. But his pluck never once deserted him. While there he formed the determination to come on foot the remainder of the distance. Not having the means to purchase any sort of a vehicle, **Mr. Kemp** constructed a large wheelbarrow entirely from willows, into this he bundled what few worldly goods he possessed and accompanied by his faithful wife and children, he again turned his face toward the setting sun. The wife and children footed it, while the husband and father trundled the wheelbarrow, After proceeding a considerable distance the harrow broke down, but **Kemp** rebuilt the rude vehicle as best he could and once more resumed the long and painful journey. Traveling by day and camping at night, these people at length made their way to the base of the Blue mountains. Here the family fortunately fell in with some freight teams and was kindly assisted to Umatilla. They reached the Blue mountains about the 20th of May. On arriving at Umatilla the O. S. N. Co., when they learned of the circumstances, brought **Mr. Kemp** and his family down to Portland free. They reached this city on the 30th of last month and were gladly welcomed by the father of Mr. Kemp, who is living on the **Goodnough** place. Soon after arriving here **Mr. Kemp** applied to **Mr. C. A. Burchard** for employment, but that gentlemen did not give him much encouragement. However, when **Mr. Burchard** heard all the circumstances of the case, he told **Mr. Kemp** to call round next morning and he should have all the work he wanted. This story may appear very romantic to the incredulously desposed, but we are assured by **Mr. Kemp** that there is no poetry about the business, but hard, stern reality. Talk about pluck and perseverance upder adverse circumstances, Mr. Kemp is certainly entitled to wear the medal. Such a ran is bound to succeed in the battle of life, and Oregon needs scores of men like **Mr. Kemp**, -- *Oregonian*(8/102)

A mood many wagons with families are reported on the road from California to Oregon. Several have recently arrived at Roseburg.)4/1)

Mrs. Redburg, who died on Monday in very indigent circumstances, has been sick for more than a year. During that time the Ladies' Mite Society of the Methodist Church have attended as far as they could to her wants, and the neighbors here done their duty also. (5/1)

Died - In Vancouver, June 24, 1878. **Mrs. Catherine Ridburg**, aged 76 years. In Clarke county, W. T., June 22, 1878, of diphtheria, **John S., son of John and Eliza Slater**, aged 9 years, 7 months and 13 days. **Mr. and Mrs. Slater** have the sympathy of this community in their bereavement. (4/3)
Near Vancouver, June 19, 1878, **Emma J., wife of Walter Sparks**, aged 20 years, 3 months, 24 days.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Emma J. Sparks, daughter of **Joseph H. and Hester A. Goddard**, was born Feb. 25, 1858, in Clarke county, W. T. In June 1868 she united with the M. E. Church, and continued faithful to the day of her death. Aug. 15, 1877, she was united in marriage with **Walter Sparks**, also a member of the Church, **Rev. R. S. Stubbs** performing the marriage ceremony. After about 18 months illness she died June 19, 1878. The marriage was a happy one. Her husband said the day she died that had he known before how it would have been, It would have been all the same with him. He was very sorely afflicted by her death. Once he remarked to her that he could not be as good as she was. She replied, "You try to be good in your own strength. I tried that awhile but found that would not do; I had to lean upon the Lord." Just before her death she turned to speak to her husband, but only smiled; she could not speak. Though desirous of living, she was ready to die, and always spoke cheerfully and hopefully of her decease. A few days before her death she had her mother to bring the suit in which she wished to be buried. (She was buried in full costume.) The next evening she distributed to her family and friends various articles as mementos. She wished to have nothing to care for at the moment of her departure. At 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 19, 1878, she had the family and friends present called to her bedside, and taking each by the hand bade them a last "Good bye") Her voice was clear and plaintive, and her departure as one starting on a journey. At 8:20 she breathed her last. Her sufferings are ended and she has entered into that "rest which remaineth for the people of God, not dead, but gone before."

"Triumphant smiles the victor's brow,

Fauned by some angel's purple wing.

Where is, O grave, thy victory now?

And where, insidious death, thy sting?"

The funeral was preached at 10:30, from the text, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1st Cor. 15-55, at the residence of her parents, where she remained most of the time during her illness. She was buried in the city cemetery near Vancouver, followed by a large concourse of friends, June 20th, 1878.

Rev. **Thomas M. Reese**, Pastor. (Iowa and Missouri papers please copy.)

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Slater's children on Fourth Plain, the remaining four that were sick of diphtheria, have recovered. (5/1)

Six of **Thomas Nerton's** children out at Fourth Plain are sick with diphtheria, three of them already recovering. (5/2)

Married - At Battle Ground, June 27, 1878, By **J. N. Cross**, J. P., **Joseph A. Woodin**, Esq., and Miss **Ella Heisen**, all of Clarke county. (5/3)

In Kalama, W. T., June 26th, 1878, By **Dr. L. H. Whitehouse**, Mr. **J. Robinson**, of Portland, to **Mrs. M. E. Wills**, of Lewis River. (5/3)

We missed a wedding in Vancouver last week, because the Portland team carrying the hymeneal pair ran away, driving the hide's head clear through the groom's shoulder, necessitating extensive repairs before the event could take place. (5/1)

Born - In Vancouver, June 27, 1878, to the wife of **J. J. Beeson**, a daughter. (5/3)

Death of Mrs. C. B. Montague - A correspondent in Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon, writes us that **Mrs. Montague**, the wife of the chief clerk in the quartermaster's department in Vancouver from 1865 to 1868, died in that place June 24th, after an illness of nine days. She was greatly respected and loved by the people as was demonstrated by the entire suspension of business on the occasion of her funeral, and she leaves a void in the community which all must feel. Her husband and bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire neighborhood, as also no doubt they have of many old residents of Vancouver. (5/2)

There was account published in the *Independant*, also the Portland papers, of an accident and death of Miss **Cynthia Higdon**. The accident was given correct, but the young lady is alive and getting well. Such mistakes ought to be corrected. Guess Who (5/3)

Accident - **J. H. O'Donnell** informs us that last week a **Mr. Leeson**, of Battleground, while returning home from Vancouver, was by careless driving thrown out of a wagon, being run over and very badly hurt. **Mr. Carey** also got a pair of black eyes and an arm broke.

A Deer Killed By A Girl - A few days since a daughter of **Wm. H. Trant**, 13 years old, accompanied by her brother of 8 years, was going through the woods to a neighborhood house, a few miles from Vancouver, when they encountered a big deer in the path, which for some reason showed fight. A setter dog which they had with them took the deer by the nose and pinned it to the ground. The girl took the boy's pocket knife and cut its jugular, which ended its career, and with other assistance the venison was carried home in triumph. (5/2)

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The Fourth on Lewis River - Editor Independent:

-- Being appointed by the President of the celebration, Mr. **J. H. O'Donnell**, as reporter, I send you the following: The celebration was begun by the procession forming in front of the residence Mr. **J. R. Hall**, in the following order - Fife and drum, ladies, gentlemen, liberty car with 38 beautiful young ladies, (Miss **Lucy Gillhan** being Goddess.) The procession marched to the grove near by. The meeting was called to order by the President; then the exercises were commenced by a salute of 38 guns, the anvils being handled by Messrs. **O. L. Sullin** and **James O'Donnell**. Music on the fife and drum. Prayer by the **Rev. Mr. West**. Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mr. **G. W. Dimmick**. Oration by Dr. **R. T Lockwood**. The dinner, which was the grand feature of the occasion, was partaken of by all. The following toasts were then read by Mr. **D. L. Russell**. "The day we celebrate" -- Mr. **A. Armstrong**, respondent. "Our mothers of America" Mr. **J. C. Clark**, respondent. "Courtesy to strangers"-- Mr. **F. J. Walker**, respondent. "This government with all its imperfections the best on the globe"-- Mr. **G. W. Dimmick**, respondent. "this part of the country and its resources"-- Dr. **P. T. Lockwood**, respondent. "The blessings of liberty"-- **Rev. Mr. West**, respondent. A song by **Mr. and Mrs. Bachelder**, "My country tis' of thee." The celebration closed with Yankee Doodle and three cheers for the Fourth. The candy and lemonade stands did a thriving business. The Fourth of July dance was given at the residence of **Wm. L. Sullin** on Lewis River, where the youth and beauty congregated to trip the lightest foot. I venture to say that out of 19 ladies, who casually meet to dance, there could not have been more good dancers. A foot race, between **L. C. Palmer** and **James O'Donnell**, resulted in the defeat of the former, to the disgust of his

backers, The celebration was a perfect success, thanks to the officers. The **Marshal, Burns**, acquitted himself very well. W. B. (5/1)

Fourth of July in Vancouver - The weather for our celebration last week could not have been better if made to order, the rain having laid the dust for three days previous, and the clouds left after to shade from the hot rays of a summer sun. The procession was formed according to programme, marched and returned to the grove, being fully as large as could be expected with four other celebrations in the county on the same day. The exercises at the park passed off smoothly, and the oration delivered was the best ever heard in Vancouver at the close of the usual exercises the committee on amusements inaugurated the games which were not concluded until 4:15 p. m., attracting a large concourse of people to the park, which remained until the last. These amusements proved to be one of the main features of our celebration of the national holiday, and should hereafter be always a part of it. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Running Race -- **James N. Sutton**, 1st prize, **Edw. McGilvra**, 2nd prize

Standing Jump -- **Frank Post**, 9 feet 3 inches.

High Jump -- **Frank Post**, 3 feet 10 inches.

Running Jump -- **Frank Post**, 15 feet 1 inch,

Hop, Step and Jump -- **James N. Sutton**, 26 feet 6 inches.

Wheelbarrow Race -- **Edw. McGilvra**

Ladies' Foot-race -- **Hannah Quigley**, 1st prize; **Miss Parker**, 2d prize.

Fat Men's Pace -- **Michael Boyen**, 1st prize;

The leather medal was awarded to **Eugene White**, but the crowd thought **Anton Young** was entitled to it.

Sack Race -- **Edw. McGilvra**. **Al. Bateman** would have won a prize for best tumble if any had been offered.

Little Girl's Foot Race -- **Emma Sparks**, 1st prize; **Mary Tuke**, 2d prize.

Boys' Race, (between 14 and 17) -- **James Crawford**, 1st prize; **John Shea**, 2d prize.

The greased pig race was a failure, because of the inability of the pig, induced by being confined to the bare streets of Vancouver for rations.

All in all the day passed pleasantly, and everyone seemed to enjoy the holiday. (5/2)

Married - At the residence of the groom's father, on Cape Horn Mountain, June 30, 1878, by **W. A. Haycock**, J. P., **Alvin W. Kerns** to Miss **Nettie Erickson**. (5/5)

Died - Near Vancouver, July 7, 1878, of diphtheria, Charles **Edgar, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Nerton**, aged two years. (5/5)

One of **Thomas Nerton's** children at Fourth Plain, the youngest boy, has fallen a victim to diphtheria. Two others are still very sick, but with hopes of recovery. **Mr. Nerton's** many friends will extend full sympathy to his grief stricken family. (5/1)

Residence Sold - Last week **Sheriff J. H. Fletcher** sold his house and two lots on the corner of B and Eleventh streets, in Vancouver, to **Sergeant Vernon**, for \$600, the full price asked for the property. (5/2)

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Married - In Vancouver, July, 15, 1878, by **S. D. Maxon**, J. P., **Barnard Jeffrey** and Miss **Mary Bruelett**, both of Multnomah county. (5/5)

The last marriage sensation in this town is the coupling of a young man of Jewish parentage to a Catholic girl, with the consent of parents. They hailed from Portland, and have acquaintances here. (5/1)

Born - July 13, 1878, to the wife of **Henry Young**, a daughter.

In this city, July 14, 1878, to Mrs. **Lilly Conbay** a son.

July 17, 1878, to the wife of **Fred W. Bier**, a daughter. (5/5)

Mrs. Middleton has moved into her Main street residence. (5/1)

The busiest man in Vancouver is **Fred Bier**, telegraph operator. (5/1)

Some sore throats among the children, but very little diphtheria; more scare than hurt. (5/1)

Matt Brown's new house is now nearly enclosed, and is being pushed rapidly toward completion. (5/1)

The **Rev. A. S. Nicholson** has had charge of St. Luke's parish in Vancouver for ten years, dying July 1, 1878. (5/1)

Fred Bier has received reinforcements at the county treasury, and he does smile so blandly, because it is a girl, and weighs ten pounds. (5/1)

We learned yesterday that **Mrs. L. A. Ingram**, of this city, was granted a divorce in a California court, on the 9th of October, 1877. (5/1)

We have received the 9th annual catalogue of St. Helens Hall, of Portland, for the school year ending June 19th. The number of pupils attending was 132, of which 13 are from this Territory. Vancouver was represented by Miss **Allie Middleton**, Miss **Katy Mason**, and Miss **Fanny Weeks**. (5/1)

Mike Healy returned home to Vancouver on Saturday, after an absence of three months. (5/2)

Fatally Burned - On Sunday afternoon last, a **daughter of Capt. Horatio Cook**, of Portland, brother of **Mrs. A. R. Middleton**, of this city, was fatally burned by the explosion of a can of Kerosene oil, which took place while trying to start a fire. The sad occurrence has cast a deep gloom over a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Portland and on the Columbia, whose sympathies are wholly with the friends who alone know the great extent of their loss. (5/2)

Fourth Plain shows some improvements this season. **L. Sohns**, Esq., has repaired his farm buildings, repainting [?] the house. **A. Collings** and **Chas. Bird** are each putting up new farm barns 52x60 feet in size, which are now about finished. The crops are looking well in that locality and the harvest has commenced already. (5/2)

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The Mill Plain road for the first two or three miles out from town would bear some work which is very badly needed in places where the waters have gullied out the tracks on the slopes, (5/1)

Thurs., July 25, 1878 – Vol. 3 – No. 48

Two ladies from Carthage, Mo., have just opened a dressmaking establishment in this city. (5/1)

Married - At the residence of **G. W. Force**, on the south bank of the Columbia River, opposite Vancouver, July 21, 1878, by Rev, **G. W. Day**, **Samuel W. Simmons** and Miss **Eva J. Force**, both of Multnomah county, Oregon. (5/4)

Chocolate Jelly Cake--One and a-half cups of sugar, two tbsfuls of melted butter, two eggs, one cup milk, two cups flour, one tspful of cream tartar and half tspful soda, sifted into the flour. (2/4)

At a regular meeting of the Ladies Guild of St. Luke's Parish, held July 18th, 1878, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term of six months: S. J. President, **Mrs. S. J. Rakes**, Vice President, **Mrs. E. J. Troupe**, Treasurer, **Mrs. S. J. Fletcher**, Secretary, **Mrs. A. R. Middleton**; executive committee, **Mrs. C. H. Whitney** (chairman) **Mrs. Jane Davidson** and **Mrs. A. Ebert**. (5/2)

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Ex-Gov. Curry, of Oregon, died in Portland on Sunday evening. (5/1)

Editor Independent:

Hoping to inform some inquiring one, and perhaps a bereft father, I send the following concerning **Fred Allyn**, who was drowned at this place on Sunday, July 21, 1878. He was bathing in the river near the railroad camp, in company with two other men, when he accidentally got beyond his depth, and before help could avail anything, was borne out of reach by the current and soon disappeared beneath the water. Search was immediately made, but he could not be found at the mouth of Towner creek, two miles below where it disappeared. The Coroner was sent for, but did not come; so on Saturday the 27th, the remains were interred near where they were found - Deceased, according to his own statement, was 17 years of age, and the son of a Methodist minister well known in Clarke county. Any one knowing the whereabouts of the father would do him a great favor by informing him of the sad affair.

Suicide - Our La Centre correspondent has written full particulars of the death of **Martin Pedersen**, who shot himself near his house on his farm, on Thursday last, but for want of space we are unable to publish it in full until next week. The suicide was occasioned by insanity without doubt. (5/1), and has created a sensation in the neighborhood. (5/3)

Died - On Fourth Plain, of diphtheria, July 27, 1878, **Clara Margret**, infant daughter of **John and Eliza Slater**, aged 6 months and 6 days. (5/3)

Capt. Micheal Riddle, Dr. H. N. Crooper and Mr. A. H. Barrow, emigrants from Iowa and Colorado on their way to the lower Columbia and the Sound country, stopped at Boise City, to learn the Indian news. Their company comprises a train of forty wagons and as many families. After learning the situation in the Blue Mountains, they concluded to lie by a few days for more favorable news. There is plenty of room for industrious men on either side of the Columbia or in the Sound country. (4/3)

W. Byron Daniels arrived home from Walla Walla last evening. (5/1)

J. C. Moreland, Esq., and family are rusticated on the Washougal. (5/1)

Dr. Wall will go to San Francisco on the Elder, for a short vacation. (5/1)

Al. Lovelace injured his eye so badly with a head of wheat while harvesting the other day, that he had to seek medical assistance. (5/1)

Rib Cracked - Sunday evening **Hon. W. H. Smallwood**, Register of the Vancouver Land Office, had a fall upon the arm of a chair, which resulted in breaking one of his ribs. Surgeons have put him in a straight jacket and he is rapidly recovering from the effects of what promised at one time to be a very severe injury. (5/2)

Married - On July 28, 1878, by **W. N. Cross**, J. P., Mr. **Henry C. Dixon** and Miss **Hattie N. Stanard**, all of Clarke county.

At the residence of the bride's parents at Brush Prairie, Clarke county, W. T., July 21, 1878 by the Rev. **T. M. Reese**, Mr. **Abbert T. Zeek**. (5/3)

List of letters remaining in the post office, Vancouver, Wash. Ter., July 31st, 1878. Persons calling for these letters please say advertised.

Ladies List

Campbell, Mrs. S. E.; Halston, Miss Jennie; Hays, Laura; Wilson, Mrs. Charley

Gentlemen's' List

Bachelder, Edwin;

Barber, S.;

Blowers, Giles H. ;

Bouers, Jules;

Breden, Capt.;

Brocki, Lucas;

Burt, James M.;

Campbell, J. T.;

Carstens, A. W.;

Crim, P. H.;

Daugherty, Henry;

Elliot, William;

Fairchild, Geo. W.;

Falk, Isadore

Faucett, Joseph O.;

Fredrick, Levi;

Haggerty, James;

Hendrickson, Lem.;

Mullen, John ;

Pudding, John;

Roe, G. C.;

Roster, W. H.;

Sude, Mr.;

Worden, F. L.;

Wright, John.

John Eddings, Postmaster

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Born - To the wife of **Geo. Goddard**, Aug. 6, 1878, a **son**, 8 pounds.

Suicide - La Centre, W. T., July 27, 1878

Martin Pedersen, a man living about one and one half miles northeast of this place, had gone out for a sort hunt on the previous and for some unaccountable reason had failed to return. In the green timber, within twenty rods of his own house, by the side of a fir log, **Martin Pedersen** had taken the string from his powder horn, tied one end to the trigger, drawn it through a small ring back of the lock, and it being found too short for his purpose he had fastened a small forked stick to the other end. He had raised the hammer, sat down upon the log, placed the muzzle of his gun over his heart with one hand, then taking the forked stick in the other pulled it, sending the leaden missile on its errand of death; and thus in a moment the spirit of **Martin Pedersen** was released from its mortal coil and transferred to the realms of eternity.

The deceased was a native of Norway, and was forty-eight years old on the 24th of last June. He came to this county in 1866, settling first in Iowa. Here he remained about two years, when he emigrated to Minnesota, where he lived till September, 1877, when he came to this county. The remains were interred last evening in the cemetery near the United Brethren Church. He leaves behind a wife and six small children.

The death of **A. H. Robie**, the great Idaho stock man, is announced as caused by over-exertion and exposure while saving his stock during the Indian raid in Eastern Oregon. **Mr. Robie's wife and daughters** made Vancouver their home for about eight years, while the girls were being educated at the Catholic school. They now reside in Oakland, Cal.(5/2)

Still coming--**Mr. S. A. Dyer**, formerly of Kansas, has taken a homestead two miles and a half from La Center, and in two weeks moves there with his family, now in East Portland. Several families are to follow him to that neighborhood, from his old home. (5/2)

Judge **G. H. Steward** arrived home on Saturday last. (5/1)

G. W. Durgin, assessor is now busy taking the school census of the city of Vancouver.

Stephen Wright, of Washougal has rented a house and will move into this city in a short time.

Two of **Dr. Wall's children** have been afflicted with diphtheria, but are recovering fairly.

Studies will be resumed at Holy Angel's College; Vancouver, on the first Monday in September.

Mrs. Alonzo Durgin and family arrived here from Yakima City last evening. They came away because the Indians in the valley are getting very saucy, and trouble is apprehended.

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Married - In Pekin, Cowlitz county, W. T. August 8, 1878, By **C. C. Bozarth**, J. P., **John S. Bozarth** to **Mrs. L. A. Ingrim**,

In Vancouver, August 12, 1878, By **S. D. Maxon**, J. P., **C. W. Bagley** to Miss **Emma E. Thomas** both of Clackamas county, Oregon.

In Vancouver, August 10, 1878, by **S. D. Maxon**, J. P., **J. C. Worthen**, of Sacramento, Cal., to **Miss Augusta Treat**, of Clarke county, W. T. (5/5)

Born - August 15, 1878, to the wife of **Geo. Tooley**, a **daughter**, (5/5)

Proceedings of Board of County Commissioners.* August Terra, 1878

Monday, August 5, 1878 Board met pursuant to law,

Present – **Jas.A. Kerns**, **Lindley Meeker** and **Henry Christ**, County Commissioners, **J. H. Fletcher**, Sheriff, and **Chas. Brown**, County Auditor and Ex-officio clerk.

The following claims allowed, to-wit:

Howe and Vollum, binding statue, 1.75

Vancouver Water Co., water rent, 11.25

G. H. Steward, School Supt., 10, 30

In the matter of Coroner's inquest on the body of **Martin Peterson**, the following fees allowed, to-wit:

J. P. Bartlett, Justice of the Peace, acting as Coroner 11.60

Wm. A. Johnson, Juror 2.00

John H. Timmen, Juror 2.00

John W. Bartlett, Juror 2.00

John K. Gaither, Juror 2.00

Magibbra Anderson, Juror 2.00

Riley Bartlett, Juror 2.00

Mc Nab and Bolen, digging grave, etc., 6.00

Upon the petition of **M. R. Hathaway** and others, the place of voting in Lincoln Precinct established at the house of **S. Shobert**.

Petition of **Levi A. Mason** and others for a change in the road leading from Eaton's to Vancouver, road and a re-view fordered. **Joseph Eaton**, **Luther Mason** and **S. L. Graham** appointed re-viewers, and ordered to meet at the house of **Levi Mason**, on Monday, September 9, 1878. Petition of **Jonas Carlson** and others for a county road from the northeast corner of Section 11, Township 4. north, Range 2 east, to the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 4 north, Range 2 east, read and a view ordered. **Joseph Eaton**, **Luther Mason** and **S. L. Graham** appointed viewers, and ordered to meet at the house of **Levi Mason**, on Monday, Sept. 9, 1878.

Reduction of \$300.00 made in the assessment of **A. S. Butler**, ro the year 1878.

The following Inspectors and Judges appointed for the ensuing general election, to-wit:

Battle Ground Precinct

Joseph A. Woodin, Inspector; **J. C. Palmer** and **R. V. Cresap**, Judges.

Cathlapoodle Precinct

Geo. Backman, Sr., Inspector; **Thos. Hollinsworth** and **Henry Houghton**, Judges.

Cedar Creek Precinct

Philip Shintaffer, Inspector; **C. J. Williams** and **S. F. Murray**, Judges.

Chelachie Precinct

T. A. Mc Ciellan, Inspector; **Chas. W. Stone** and **C. V. Pitchford**, Judges.

Eaton Precinct

Seth A. Abbey, Inspector; **S. L. Graham** and **Jno. R. Eaton**, Judges

Fern Prairie Precinct

Preston Laws, Inspector; **C. H. Carleton** and **F. M. Butterfield**, Judges.

Fourth Plain Precinct

W. S. Douthit, Inspector; **Thos. Nerton** and **J. E. O'Flaherty**, Judges.

Lackamas Precinct

J. J. Clark, Inspector; **Geo. W. Conrad** and **J. E. Messenger**, Judges.

Lincoln Precinct

A.M. Edmands, Inspector; **G. L. Lindsley** and **Asa Richardson**, Judges.
Lewis River Precinct
John H. Timmen, Inspector; **D. A. Mc Nab** and **John W. Bartlett**, Judges
Manor Precinct
Emry Harris, Inspector; **J. R. Lewis** and **E. J. Ricketts**, Judges
Pollock Precinct
D. M. Spencer, Inspector; **Stephen Crabb** and **Wm. Field**, Judges
Preston Precinct
H. M. Knapp, Inspector; **Edwin Sparks** and **Henry Shoemaker**, Judges
Vancouver Precinct
S. R. Whipple, Inspector; **S. D. Maxon** and **Patrick O'Keane**, Judges
Washougal Precinct
Benj. E. Hancock, Inspector; **A. J. Wiley** and **F. G. Lawton**, Judges

Second Day

The following claims allowed, to-wit;
W. F. Zeek, Keeping paupers, \$112.90
Chas. Brown, County Auditor's fees, 204.50
Vancouver Independent, Printing and advertising, 88.00
Gridley and Whitney, Covering table etc., 4.00

Third Day

The following claims allowed, to-wit;
G. H. Daniels, slop pails for jail, \$ 2.50
Fred W. Bier, County Treasurer's fees, 25.00
Lemuel Robinson appointed Constable of Vancouver precinct for the present unexpired term.

The following described school lands, viz., north 1/2 of northwest 1/4 and east 1/2 of southwest 1/4 Section 2, Township 4 north, Range 3 east, containing 160 acres, leased to **A. P. Farrar** and **J. N. Sitton**, for the yearly rental of \$10.00.

Books and vouchers of **Fred W. Bier**, County Treasurer, examined and approved and his accounts duly settled to date.

Chas. Brown appointed commissioner to convey lots 5 and 6 in Block 9, West Vancouver, to the M. E. Church, said lots having been heretofore sold by the county and not properly conveyed.

Jas. A. Kerns, County Commissioner, allowed 3 days' attendance and mileage \$22.50

Henry Christ, County Commissioner, allowed 3 days' attendance and mileage 16.50

L. Meeker, county Commissioner, allowed 3 days' attendance and mileage 19.50

J. E. Fletcher, Sheriff, allowed 3 days attendance 9 00

Chas, Brown, Clerk, allowed 3 days' attendance 9.00

Board adjourned, sine die; **Jams A. Kerns**, Chairman

attest: **Chas. Brown**, County Auditor and Ex-officio Clerk

David. Wall came home from San Francisco on the *Elder* yesterday, (5/1)

The Masons are busy now in plastering **Matt Brown's** new house. (5/1)

Len Thomlinson returned home from the fisheries on Monday evening. (5/1)

A new lot of marriage certificates just printed and for sale at this office, (5/1)

Geo, H. Webber, of Vancouver fame, is running a barber shop in Albany, Oregon, and doing well. (5/1)

Vancouver has 538 children of school age, only 87 less than Walla Walla, but at the present rate of births will soon be up with that enterprising city. (5/)

John Slater's child that was taken with diphtheria in Oregon., treated by **Dr. Hailey**, and supposed to have recovered, died last week from paralysis induced by the disease. (5/1)

The United Brethren parsonage on the Fourth Plain road, three miles from Vancouver, was burned to the ground on Monday The fire originated from a defective flue. The family occupying the house saved all their household effects except the stove, (5/1)

L. H. Baldwin, of .St. Edwards, Nebraska, who has been circulating through Clarke county, for some weeks, has determined to locate here. He this week returned home to sell out and bring his family He will bring several families here when he comes, (5/1)

School Census - Assessor **G. W.. Durgin** has completed the school census of Vancouver,; No. 6 District, The number of males of school age is 273; females 265, total 538. The male under four years old number 48; females 30, total 78. Total number of children of all, ages under majority in Vancouver, 616.

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Married - In Portland, Oregon, August 14, 1878 at the St. Caries Hotel, by the **Rev. A. L. Lindsley**, D. D., Mr. **L. Francis Banzer** and Miss **Loretta Randall**, both of Slounghton, Clarke Co., W. T.(5/4)

At the residence of the groom's father, Cape Horn Mountain, Clarke county, W. T., August 11, 1878, by **W. A. Haycock**, J. P., **David W. Wright** and Miss **Ida F. Sampson**. (5/4)

Born - In the Dalles, Oregon, August 14, to the wife of **Benjamin Korten**, a daughter. (5/4)

W. Byron Daniels returned from his trip to Mount Adams on Monday. (5/1)

F. P. Sanders, of Lewis River, broke his right leg yesterday while logging. (5/1)

Dr. Wall brought 70 packages of new goods with him from San Francisco. (5/1)

We congratulate the Rev. **G. W. Day** upon the accession of his son and heir. (5/1)

The city schools will open within two weeks with a prospect of very full attendance. (5/1)

J. E. Francis and **Mrs. Louis Meyer** start today for New York, on a two months trip. (5/1)

Arthur Hidden had considerable fencing destroyed when he burned his slashing the other day. (5/1)

J. W. Cochran is agent for the sale of the **Maxon place** on which **W. H. Hazard** has a mortgage. (5/1)

The livery stables of the city have been having [?] a thriving business during the past week or ten days. (5/1)

Leander Holmes, of Portland, has been in town this week on business connected with the **Short Land claim**. (5/1)

Thornton nearly had his place burned last week from woods fire. He had to fight hard to save his buildings. (5/1)

In paying taxes for 1878 be sure to present your road receipt to treasurer. See his notice in another column. (5/1)

Wm. M. Simmons, while breaking a colt yesterday, was thrown and very dangerously hurt. The extent of his injuries are not yet known. (5/1)

Joseph Burke has sold his interest in the market and butcher business to **Thomas Nye** who will to be possession on the first of September. (5/1)

A new bridge is being built over **Burnt Bridge creek**, at the **Wilson place**. **Lem. Robinson**, **John Ginder** and **C. A. Ross** are doing the work. (5/1)

The University of W. T., with its corps of six instructors, is fully prepared to give the following instruction through the freshman year of a full classical course.

A three years' Scientific course.

A two years' Normal course.

A complete course in book-keeping.

Pupils not fully prepared for any course can receive a thorough drill in the common branches.

Vocal and instrumental music painting, drawing, military tactics and telegraphing taught in connection with the University. In the University boarding houses, and in private families, there is abundant provision for boarding pupils. The fall term begins .Sept. 2, 1878. For catalogue or admission, apply to the President. (5/2)

A. J. Anderson, A. M.

Seattle, W. T.

More Powder Burning - Last spring we gave an account of a boy's pocket, filled with powder and matches, blowing up. The boy has been confined to the house ever since, and will probably be a cripple for life. This should have served as a good warning to small boys to let powder alone, but it seems as not sufficient, as several were at it again last week, resulting in another explosion in which **Frank Durgin** was severely burned. It seems that boys' fun nowadays is no fun at all unless there is a good bit of the spice of danger in it. If boys would only remember how well behaved their grandfathers were, and that they are leable to become grandfathers also, perhaps they would think half a minute before entering upon some new piece of deviltry. (5/3)

Thurs, Aug 29, 1878 - Vol. 4 - No. 1

Born - At Tulalip, W. T., August 9th, 1878, to the wife of Dr. **P. Q. Healy**, a daughter. (5/5)

Maxon has fixed up a bath room for public use, and now there is no excuse but being "born tired" for anyone who is clothed in dirt. (5/1)

There was a fire alarm raised in Vancouver last week Thursday night, caused by burning timber back of the garrison. This is the first alarm for 1878. (5/1)

Robert Robb moved to Vancouver from La Center on Monday, with his children, and is now counted as a regular addition to the population of our city. (5/1)

Arm Broken - Monday evening **Freddie Kaiser** while playing, fell from a saw-horse and broke one of the bones of his left forearm. A surgeon, was called in, and the youngster is doing well in the way of recovery. (5/2)

Public School - The public school of Vancouver will open on Monday morning, September 2d, with **Robert Robb** principal, Miss **Lida Brown** teacher in the intermediate department, and Miss **Emma Steward** teacher in primary department. (5/2)

St. Luke's Parish School will open on Monday next, the fall term. Miss **Georgie Thayer**, a teacher of experience from the east, will take **Miss Loomis'** position as precepiress. The excellent reputation of this school will be fully maintained in the future, as in the past. (5/2)

Studies will be resumed at Holy Angels College on Monday, September 2d, 1878. The exercises will be preceded by a solemn high mass at 9 o'clock a. m., to which all the pupils are invited. The teachers for the term will be **Rev. Louis de G. Schram**, principal; **James M. Delany**, first assistant; and **Joseph Lynch**, second assistant, **Father Schram** begs leave to inform the public that the same care which his characterized Holy Angels will still be continued by the corps of teachers. (5/2)

F. P. Sanders, of La Center, whose leg was broken last Wednesday, had a very serious accident. He was logging, hauling a small tree that had been grubbed out. His leg was caught between a root of the tree and a stump, but the team could not be stopped, and his right foot was turned up to his knee. The fracture was a bad one, the sharp bone sticking through the flesh. He was attended by **Dr. Davis**, and **Dr. Randolph Smith**, of this city, rendered his professional assistance also. **Mr. Sanders** is now recovering slowly, and will probably have a long siege of it. (5/2)

School Examination - The examination at close of term took place in District School 21, at St. John's Mission, on Friday, 23d instant. The number of pupils was thirty, and they showed that a carefully selected course of studies laid the foundation of a good education. **Master Eugene White** made greatest progress in writing, and **Master Abbot Curtain** made greatest progress in arithmetic, considering their starting point. The teacher, **Mr. J. Delany**, is employed to assist **Father Schram** at the college, on Monday, September 2d, 1878. The examination was conducted by the teachers in presence of **Ron. G. H. Steward** and many visitors. (5/2)

Proving that Joseph Switzler – Joseph Sweitzer of Clackamas Co., Oregon, are two different men

By Jane Germann, 10209 NE 157 Ave., Vancouver, WA, 98682, article submitted to Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, Washington for inclusion in their periodical the *Trail Breaker*.

Sometimes it is as important in genealogy to prove something is not true as to uncover the truth. When researching Joseph Switzler, there were references to a second marriage by Joseph Switzler to Elizabeth Sweitzer. This is not the case. Joseph Switzler and Joseph Sweitzer are not the same person, but two different men living within 20 miles of each other. Elizabeth married Joseph Sweitzer.

This can be proved by following the life of Elizabeth Sweitzer. Elizabeth was married three times: (1) Christian E. Sweitzer, (2) Joseph Sweitzer – probably brothers, but not proven, and (3) C. F. Kent of Clackamas County.

(1) mention of Elizabeth in her first husband's probate: Sweitzer, Christian E. #A93: d. 5 Jan 1860, near Mendocino, Calif. Resident of Canemah, Oregon. Adm: George A. Pease. Intestate. Heirs: Elizabeth Sweitzer, widow, minor chn. – John C. Sweitzer, son, Mary F. Sweitzer, daughter, Nettie G. Sweitzer, daughter.¹

(2) 1860 census of Oregon, with Elizabeth alone: 1256/1031, Switzer, Elizabeth, age 27, female, \$500 real property and \$2000 personal property, born in Ohio. Her children were John C., age 4, male, Mary age 2, female, and Annette, age 6/12, all born in Oregon.² The \$2500 property value is more than others on the page of the book had.

(3) mention of Joseph Sweitzer in a history regarding power in the Canemah area: "John M. Moore, George Marshall, Samuel L. Stevens and Joseph Sweitzer next purchased, on August 9, 1864, the perpetual right to "three hundred inches of water under an average head of eight feet."³

(4) marriage of Joseph and Elizabeth: State of Oregon, County of Clackamas; This certified that the undersigned minister of the Gospel duly on the 21st day of April 1861 united in lawful wedlock Joseph Sweitzer and Elizabeth Sweitzer with their mutual consent in the present of L. K. Barlow and Wm Cusnday. J. O Rayner, filed and recorded May 4 1861, Jas Winston, Recorder.⁴

1 Lloyd and Wythle Brown, Abstractors, *Genealogical Index to the Clackamas County, Oregon, Probate Records from 1845 to 1910 inclusive*. Printed by the Mt. Hood Genealogical Forum of Clackamas County, Oregon, P. O. Box 703, Oregon City, Oregon 97045, 1974.

2 Julie Kidd, abstractor, *1860 Census Clackamas County, Oregon*, published by Oregon Territorial Press, 1998.

3 Vera Martin Lynch, *Free Land for Free Men - A story of Clackamas County*, Portland, Oregon: Artline Printing, 1973.

4 Copy of record filed at Clackamas County Courthouse, Oregon City, Oregon. Record also in *Index to Clackamas County Oregon Marriage Records 184? – 1900*, Oregon City, Oregon: Mt. Hood Genealogical Forum, nd.



(5) death of Joseph: Cemetery reading of tombstone: Canemah Cemtery, Sweitzer, Joseph, d. 22 Feb 1865, aged 26 yrs. 2 ms. – he would have been born about 1839.^{5 6} The *Clackamas County Community Development Division, Historic Canemah Pioneer Cemetery, An inventory*, records "Plot #40, Joseph Switzer purchased this plot. o Joseph Switzer. A number of Switzer families were living in Canemah in the 1850s and 1860s. The only Joseph Switzer, however, was a farmer born in Missouri in 1827, who lived with his wife Mary and two children, John and Sarah, in Canemah in 1860. The Joseph Switzer buried here died in 1865."⁷

Note: This is incorrect! Joseph Switzer did indeed die in 1865 as proved by his tombstone. However, Joseph Switzler died in 1870, as proved by the Oregon 1870 Mortality Schedule: Switzler, Joseph, Multnomah Co., OR, 39, Male, March, born Missouri, died of Scrofula, 01.⁸ (Scrofula is tuberculosis of the lymph gland of the neck.) He is probably buried in the Columbian Cemetery in an unmarked grave. The Switzler's were on the cemetery board and two of William Switzler children and William's first wife is buried there.⁹

(6) Elizabeth's third marriage: State of Oregon, County of Clackamas; This is to certify that the undersigned a minister of the Gospel by authority of a licens (sic) bearing date the 17 day of February AD1870 and issued by the county clerk of the county of Clackamas did on the 17 the day of February AD 1870 at the house of Miss Elizabeth Sweitzer in the county and state aforesaid join in lawful wedlock C. G. Kent of the county of Clackamas area sate of Oregon and Mrs. Sweitzer of the county of Clackamas as state of Oregon with their mutual consent in the presence of John Creese and Juntha Cruse witness, witness my hand my hand, Benj Todd, filed for & recorded March 15th 1870 J M Frazee, recorder.¹⁰ []

⁵ Photo taken by Jane Germann, 10209 NE 157 Ave., Vancouver, WA, October 2007, gravesite viewed at Canemah Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon, Oscar Geiszler, sexton.

⁶ *Clackamas County Cemeteries, Volume I: Adams through Colton*, Prepared by Genealogical Forum or Oregon, Inc., Cemetery Division – Lois L. Lehl, Director, Clackamas County Committee – Marty T. Howard, Chairman, 1410 SW Morrison, Suite 812, Portland, Oregon 97205, September 1989, p 90.

⁷ The *Clackamas County Community Development Division, Historic Canemah Pioneer Cemetery, An inventory*, p. 11, 12, 1984.

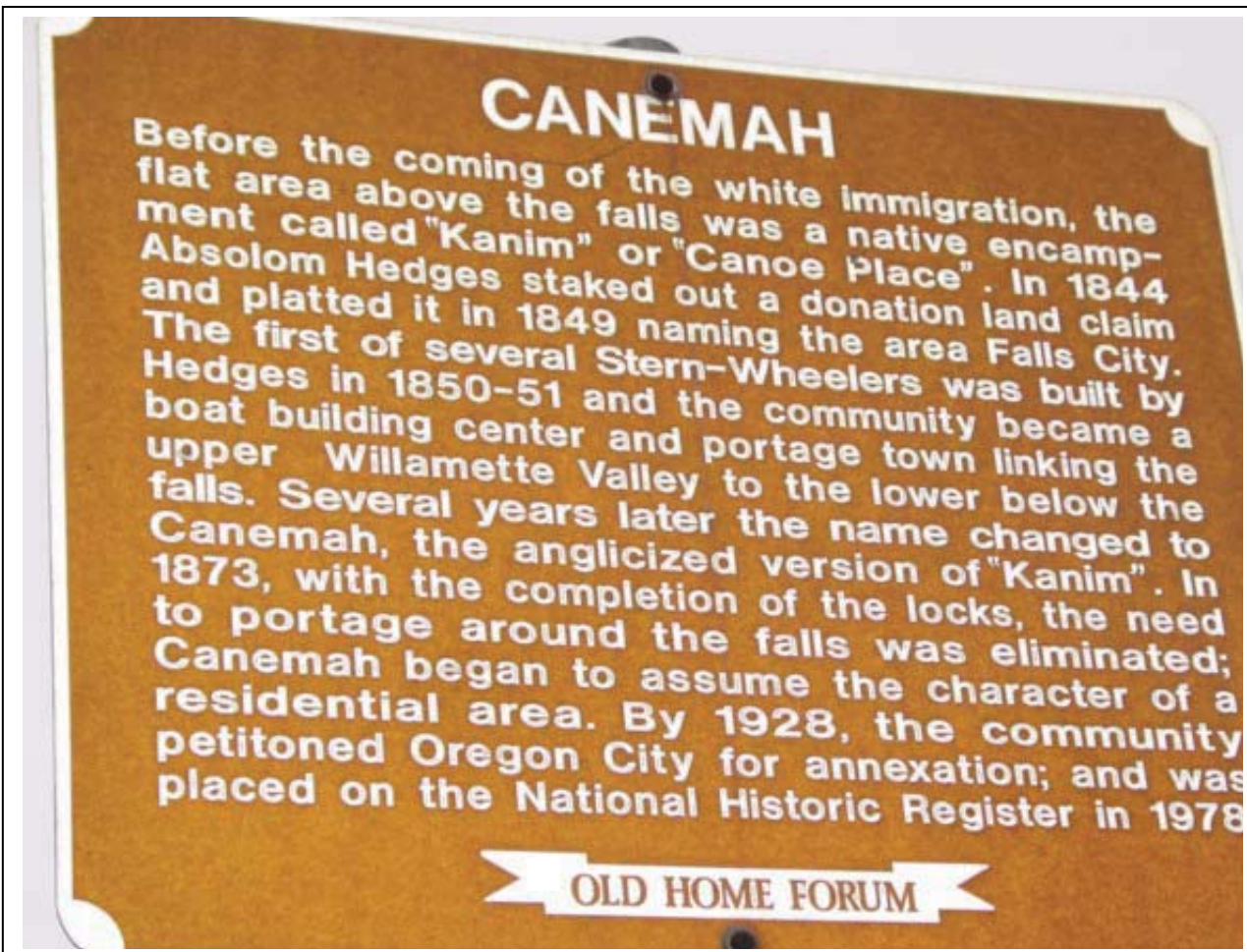
⁸ Ronald Vern Jackson, FALTS, FFSGS< PC, ARCHIVIST, Wylma Winmill, FGCA, PC, Shirley P. Zarchrison, FGCA, PC, *Oregon 1870 Mortality Schedule*, Accelerated Indexing Systems, 117 East 1850 South, Bountiful, Utah 84010.

⁹ Undocumented knowledge of Jane Germann.

¹⁰ Copy of record filed at Clackamas County Courthouse, Oregon City, Oregon.

(7) 1870 census showing Elizabeth with her third husband: Canemah, 415, Kent, Francis, 48 male, born Maine, carpenter, Elizabeth, 36, female, born Ohio, keeps house, Switzer, Irvin age 21, John age 14, Mary age 12, Nettie age 10, Caroline age 8, Mullins, Hiram age 2, and James age 1. [All children born in Oregon.]¹¹

This gives a short history of Elizabeth, proving that she was married to three other men, none of whom were Joseph Switzler. The similarity of the men's names and the similarity of the naming pattern of the children brought confusing and incorrect conclusions regarding this family.



¹¹ Nellie C. Hiday, *United State Census of Clackamas County, Oregon, 1870*, duplicated by Offset at The Ink Spot, 363 Court Street, N. E., Salem, Oregon 97301.

OLD CITY CEMETERY

CCGS member Gerry Gilman has updated our first cemetery volume. Below is the beginning of this series, which she had abstracted and annotated. The Old City Cemetery is located at the corner of Mill Plain Blvd. & Grand Ave., Vancouver, WA.

REFERENCES noted at entry end:

- #1 Clark County Pioneers "A Centennial Salute" - 1889 Vancouver, Washington, Published by Clark County Genealogical Society.
- #2 Clark County Pioneers "Through The Turn of The Century" - by Rose Marie Harshman, Published by Clark County Genealogical Society.
- #3 Vancouver City Cemetery Burial Records .
- #4 KNAPP Funeral Chapel, HAMILTON Funeral Home, and HAMILTON MYLAN Funeral Chapel Records (1907-1994).
- #5 Other Clark County Mortuary Records .
- #6 Clark County Census Records 1850/1860, 1870, 1871, 1880 all in Clark County Washington Territory, 1900 in Clark County Washington State.
- #7 Trail Breaker (published by the Clark County Genealogical Society - Quarterly), Newspapers, Relatives comments and Genealogy Records

VANCOUVER CITY CEMETERY SOUTH WEST SECTION (continued)

SW 15

SW 15 All bought 5/12/1904 by Mrs. Nancy Tremble

BINDER, MARGARET LIVINA

b. 19 Mar 1864, d. 21 Mar 1912 of cancer, age 48y 0m 20d. Int. 23 Mar 1912 in SW 15 -1 Line 2. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. She was married to Wolf Binder, a housewife, a Baptist. She lived with daughter, Cecil Wanamaker at 31st and Washington Sts. Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, died at home attended by Dr. Miles U. Leiser and Dr. Herbert C. Leiser of Vancouver. The funeral was 23 Mar 1912 at home with Reverend C.R.G. Poole. Charged to Wolf Binder and James Binder of Portland Oregon, Charles Binder c/o DuBois Lumber Co and Mrs. Cecil Wanamaker 31st & Washington Sts. Vancouver Washington. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3 & #4

ERICKENBRECK, MILDRED REA

b. Jul 1912, d. 9 Jan 1913 broncho pneumonia, age 6m. Int. 10 Jan 1913 in SW 15-2 Line 2. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Child lived at 900 W. 6th St. Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, died at home attended by Dr. Herbert C. Leiser of Vancouver. The funeral was 10 Jan 1913 2 PM at home with Reverend C.R.G. Poole. Charged to Ray E. Erkinbrack of 900 W. 6th St. Vancouver, Washington. **Parents were Ray Erickenbreck born in Minnesota and Eva Raymond born in Michigan.** Ref: #3 & #4.

ERICKENBRECK, ARTHUR EDGAR

b. 7 Dec 1914, d. 10 Aug 1916 of TB and meningitis at 12:45 AM, age 1y 8m 3d. Int. 12 Aug 1916 in SW 15-2 Line 2 (at foot of sister Mildred's lot (1912-1913)). [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Child lived at 900 West 6th St. Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver attended by Dr. Herbert C. Leiser of Vancouver. The funeral was 12 Aug 1916 2 PM at KNAPP CHAPEL with Reverend R.H. Sawyer. Charged to father Ray Erickenbreck. **Parents were Ray Erickenbreck born in Minnesota and Eva Raymond born in Michigan.** Ref: #3 & #4.

LANGDON, LOUISE LUZELLE

b. 12 May 1911, d. 14 Jan 1913 bronchial pneumonia, age 20m. Int. 15 Jan 1913 in SW 15-3 Line 2. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Child, lived at 407 E. 20th St. Vancouver Washington, died at home attended by Dr. Robert D. Wiswall of Vancouver. The funeral was 15 Jan 1913 at grave site with Reverend J.H. Berringer. Charged to father, Lambert L. Langdon at home. **Parents were Mr. & Mrs. Lambert L. Langdon.** Ref: #3 & #4.

SUTHERLAND, MARGARET ELIZABETH

b. 4 Sep 1901, d. 1 Jul 1913 cerebral hemorrhage, age 12y 2m 3d. Int. 5 Jul 1913 in SW 15-4 Line 2. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Child lived on 4th Plaim died at home attended by Dr. Robert G. Black of Vancouver. The funeral was 5 Jul 1913 at home with Reverend H.S. Templeton. Charged to D. Sutherland of Vancouver Washington. **Parents were not listed, but probably Daniel O. Sutherland & Elizabeth Ernest.** Ref: #3 & #4.

COUCH, ANNIE

b. 3 Sep 1834, d. 3 Apr 1914 bronchial pneumonia, age 79y 7m. Int. 5 Apr 1914 in SW 15-6 Line 6. [KNAPP MORTUARY] Permit # 24. She was a widow, a housewife, an Adventist, lived at Mrs. Christenson's home 1339 Atlantic St., Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, died at home of attended by Dr. Charles G. Hall of 1371 Gerely St. Portland. The funeral was 5 Apr 1914 1 PM at KNAPP CHAPEL with Reverend A.C. Purdon (Adventist). Charged to H.C. Couch 131 East 28th St. North Portland Oregon. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3 & #4.

COTTON, (Mr./? CHARLES)

b. 1827, d. 5 Oct 1887 of heart disease. age 60y. Int. 6 Oct 1887 in SW 15-6 Line 6. [Note:The man may be Charles Cotton who married Rachel Roberts; they had a daughter Alice Inez Cotton who married George Lewis Williams]. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3.

SW 16

SW 16 N/2 N/2 bought 5/1/1913 by Mrs. Pearl Dudrow

SW 16 All bought 1/15/1913 by William J. Knapp of Knapp Mortuary.

DUDROW, SUSAN M.

b. 1846, d. 11 Nov 1917 of old age, age 70y. Int. 13 Nov 1917 SW 16-2 Line 1 (has marker "Mother"). Mother of Charles W. Dudrow and Edward Dudrow. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3.

DUDROW, CHARLES W.

b. 1872 Missouri, d. 1937 of an accident (probably in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon), age 63y. Int. 1937 in SW 16-3 Line 1. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Embalmed by HOLMAN & SON of Portland and transferred to W.J. KNAPP CHAPEL for the funeral. **Parents were "...Dudrow". & Susan M. Dudrow. (1846-1917).** Ref: #3 & #4.

DUDROW, PEARL M.

b. Mar 1884, d. 6 Jun 1961 of natural causes, age 77y 3m. Int. 12 Jun 1961 in SW 16-2 Line 1 (CHARLES W. DUDROW). Married to Charles W. Dudrow. The funeral was 12 Jun 1961 by [HOLMAN & SON of Portland, Oregon]. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3 & #5.

DUDROW, EDWARD ELMER

b. 1878, d. 1936 of cancer, age 60y. Int. 1936 SW 16-1 Line 1. The funeral was by MILLER TRACY who sent remains to [KNAPP MORTUARY] for burial. **Parents were "...Dudrow." & Susan M. Dudrow (1846-1917).** Ref: #3 & #4.

CLEVER, MAUDE FULLER

b. 27 Aug 1875, d. 28 Apr 1913 of an overdose of Morphine, age 37y 8m 1d. Int. 4 May 1913 in SW 16-5 N/2 Line 1 (under the name "Maude Fuller" no_marker) [KNAPP MORTUARY]. She was married, was an Episcopalian, home address not listed, died at Wood Lake in Cherry County, Nebraska attended by a physician from Ainsworth Nebraska. The funeral was 4 May 1913 2 PM at KNAPP CHAPEL with Reverend E.B. Collier. Charged to Mrs. Pearl M. Dudrow (1884-1961) 346 E. 47th St. Portland Oregon. **Parents were George L. Fuller (1831-1906) buried in NE 41-2 & Martha J. Fuller (1844-1899) buried in SW 114).** Ref: #3 & #4.

SW 17

SW 17 N/2 bought 3/22/1899 by Murdock C. Stewart

STEWART, MURDOCK CAMERON

b. Apr 1836 Scotland, d. 7 Apr 1920, age 84y. Int. 9 Apr 1920 in SW 17-2 N/2 Line 1. Married to Martha H. Stewart (1852-1942). He was a farmer who owned 194 acres. **Parents were not listed but both were born in Scotland.** Ref: #3 & #6 (1900 Census).

STEWART, MARTHA H.

b. Jul 1852 Michigan, d. 30 Oct 1942 of heart failure, age 90y 2m. Int. 3 Nov 1942 in SW 17 N/2 Line 1. (M. STEWART) [MILLER TRACY-Portland]. Widow of Murdock C. Stewart. She had daughter (1) Rodena who married George Riggs and sons (2) Kenneth born Feb 1875 in Michigan, (3) Amos W.C. Stewart born Dec 1884 in Washington. **Parents were not listed but her father was born in New York and her mother in England.** Ref: #3, #5 & #6 (1900 Census).

RIGGS, RODENA M.

b. 30 Nov 1874, d. 22 Mar 1899 of acute consumption, age 24y 8m 8d. Int. 23 Mar 1899 in SW 17 N/2 Line 1 (has marker "She was the Sunshine of our home". Married to George Riggs. **Parents were Murdock Cameron born in Scotland & Martha H. Stewart born in Michigan.** Ref: #3 & #6 1900 Census).

BROCK, JOHN

b. Dec 1841 Ohio, d. 2 Nov 1899 of paralysis, age 57y 11m. Int. 2 Nov 1899 in SW 17 S/2 Line 1. Married to Rebecca J. () Brock. He was a school teacher. **Parents were not listed but they were born in Ohio.** Ref: #3 & #6 (1900 Census).

BROCK, REBECCA J.

b. 30 Jan 1842 New York, d. 3 Apr 1920 of pneumonia, age 78y 2m 4d. Int. 5 Apr 1920 in SW 17-2 Line 1 (no marker). Widow of John Brock, and lived at 35th & S Streets Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, died at home, no doctor was listed. The funeral was 5 Apr 1920. Charged to son John J. Brock. **Parents were not listed but were born in New York.** Ref: #3 & #6 (1900 Census).

SW 18

SW 18 N/2 bought 3/22/1897 by Ernest W. Hoyt

SW 18 S/2 bought 5/15/1900 by Mary E. Hylan

HOYT, GEORGE W. *

b. 7 Dec 1834 New York, d. 7 Aug 1925 old age, age 90y 7m 21d. Int. 10 Aug 1925 in SW 18 N/2 Line 2. [HAMILTON FUNERAL HOME]. Widower, he was a retired farmer, Christian, a pensioner of the Civil War Vet CO I 20th Michigan, no home address listed [in 1900 Census George Hoyt was a border with E.W. Foster (a widower) who was born in 1844 Pennsylvania, and a day laborer]. George Hoyt died at Fruit Valley, Clark County, Washington attended by Dr. Robert D. Wiswall of Vancouver. Funeral 10 Aug 1925 10 AM at HAMILTON CHAPEL with Reverend Herbert Jones. Ordered by and charged to grandson, Ernest Hoyt. [Note: he and his wife are buried in St. James Acres Catholic Cemetery] his parents were Edgar M. Hoyt who was born in Jul 1854 in Michigan and Mary R. Holt born in Jan 1869 in Iowa]. **Parents were Orrin Hoyt born in New York andLockwood.** Ref: #3, #4 & #6 (1900 Census).

HOYT, CLARENCE

b. Sep 1891 Washington, d. Sep 1902 died of a throat infection, age 11y. Int. 2 Sep 1902 in SW 18 N/2 Line 2. Charged to father Edgar N. Hoyt. **Parents were Edgar N. Hoyt born Jul 1854 in Michigan (a farmer) and Mary R. Hoyt born Jan 1869 in Iowa.** Ref: #3.

HOYT, FLORENCE

b. 1892, d. 17 Mar 1900 of diphtheria, age 8y. Int. 19 Mar 1900 in SW 18 N/2 Line 2. Charged to father Edgar N. Hoyt. **Parents were Edgar N. Hoyt born Jul 1854 in Michigan and Mary R. Hoyt born Jan 1869 in Iowa.** Ref: #3

HYLAN, JAMES *

b. 1844 Illinois, d. 14 May 1900 of brights disease, age 56. Int. 16 May 1900 in SW 18 S/2. Civil War Vet CO. F. 45th Illinois Infantry, married to Mary E. Hylan [born 1860 Illinois, a washerwoman in 1900 census]. Children were all born in Nebraska: Jesse S. (1883), Hannah (1885), James (1887), May (1889), Lester (1896) and Grace (1899). **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3

HYLAN, JAMES L.

b. Feb 1887 Nebraska, d. 13 May 1911 of TB, age 24y. Int. 15 May 1911 in SW 18 S/2. **Parents were James Hylan born 1844 Illinois & Mary E. Hylan born 1860 Illinois.** Ref: #3

SW 19

SW 19 N/2 bought 2/6/1900 by J.D. Flick

SW 19 S/2 bought 5/31/1901 by Walter D. Gunning

GUNNING, JESSE

b. 11 Sep 1813 Ohio, d. 31 May 1901, 87y 8m 20d. Int. Jun 1901 in SW 19 S/2 Line 3 (has marker "Father We Loved Thee." Jesse Gunning in the 1900 Census lived with his widowed daughter-in-law, Hannah Gunning - she is buried with her husband William H. Gunning in SW 22 N/2] and an adult granddaughter of Minnie Gunning. Charged to grandson, Walter D. Gunning born Jul 1861 Illinois (a Prune farmer) married to Rhoda Almeda Steelman. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3 & #6 (1900 Census).

SW 20

SW 20 All bought 1873 by S.B. Curtis

SW 21

SW 31 N/2 bought 1891 by F. W. Hopkins

HOPKINS, FRANK W. *

b. 1847 Quebec Providence Canada, d. 15 Jun 1899 of heart failure, age 52y. Int. Jun 1899 in SW 21 N/2 Line 5 (SELF). Married to Anna (Jensen) Hopkins, Civil War Vet CO. K 15TH Wisconsin Infantry, lived in Vancouver Clark County, Washington. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3

HOPKINS, ANNA JENSEN

b. 11 Mar 1851 Norway, d. 2 May 1922 of carcinoma of the thyroid, age 71y 1m 21d. Int. 5 May 1922 in SW 21-5 N/2. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Widow of Frank W. Hopkins, housewife, Presbyterian, lived at 1165 Commercial St., Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, died at home attended by Dr. L.O. Roberts Blanchard Bldg. located on Killingsworth Ave., Portland. The funeral was 5 May 1922 2 PM at KNAPP CHAPEL with Reverend J. Francis Morgan. Charged to son Walter J. Hopkins (b. Feb 1880 Wisconsin who was a grocery salesman). NOTE: a near relative was Mrs. F.L. Schafer (probably daughter Mabel born June 1885 in South Dakota). **Parents were Jens & Sarah Jensen both born in Norway.** Ref: #3 #4 & #6 (1900 Census).

HOPKINS, GINNIE

b. Nov 1874, d. 4 Nov 1890 Vancouver of diphtheria, age 16y 0m. Int. 5 Nov 1890 in SW 21 N/2 Line 5. (F.W. HOPKINS). She died in the Clark County, Washington. **Parents were Frank W. Hopkins (1847-1899 born in Canada & Anna Jensen (1851-1922 born in Norway.** Ref: #3

CARLISLE, JOHN

b. 1826, d. 21 Feb 1909 of asthma, age 83y. Int. 23 Feb 1895 in SW 21 S/2 Line 5 (GUS ANDERSON). Married to Delilah A. Carlisle (1831-1909). **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3

CARLISLE, DELILAH A.

b. 26 May 1831, d. 28 Aug 1909 of gall stones and old age, age 78y 3m 2d. Int. 30 Aug 1909 in SW 21 S/2 Line 5. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Widow of John Carlisle, housewife, Lutheran, lived on Mill Plain Road in Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, died at home attended by Dr. J.M. Chalmers of Vancouver. The funeral was 30 Aug 1909 at home with Reverend J.A. Teas. Charged to Gust H. Anderson RFD #4 Box 135 Vancouver, Washington. **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3 & #4.

ANDERSON, GUSTAF H.

b. 1863, d. 12 Sep 1951, age 88y, Int. Sep 1951 in SW 21 S/2 Line 5. (BERT ANDERSON). **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3

ANDERSON, LAURA

b. ?, d. ?, age ?. Int. 29 Oct 1954 in SW 21-3 S/2. Maybe married to Gustaf H. Anderson. (GUS ANDERSON). **Parents were John & Delilah Carlisle.** Ref: #3

ANDERSON, BERT O.

b. Aug 1890 Washington, d. 19 Feb 1950 cardiac failure, age 59y 6m. Int. Feb 1950 in SW 21 S/2 Line 5. (JOHN CARLISLE). **Parents were Gustaf H. Anderson & Laura Carlisle.** Ref: #3

SW 22

SW 22 N/2 bought 8/11/1897 by Mrs. Hannah Jesse Gunning

GUNNING, WILLIAM H. *

b. 25 Jul 1835 Ohio, d. 11 Aug 1897 of brights disease, age 62Y 0m 17d. Int. Aug 1897 in SW 22 N/2 Line 6. (W.H. GUNNING). Civil War Pvt. Military Co. F. 85th Indiana Inf., married to Hannah Jesse. **Parents were Mr. & Mrs. Jesse R. Gunning he born 11 Sep 1813-31 May 1901 born in Ohio buried in SW 19 S/2 Line 3 and mother was not listed.** Ref: #3

GUNNING, HANNAH JESSE

b. 4 Nov 1831 Ohio, d. 23 May 1908 of carcinoma of the stomach and senility, age 76y 6m 19d. Int. 25 May 1908 in SW 22 N/2 Line 6. [KNAPP MORTUARY]. Widow of William H. Gunning, housewife, was a midwife, Baptist, lived at 304 W. 10th St. Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, died at home attended by Dr. Ralph G. Black of Vancouver. The funeral was 25 May 1908 at Bablia Church on Ankeny Street in Portland Oregon. Charge to father-in-law Jesse R. Gunning (11 Sep 1813-31 May 1901 Ohio) in SW 19 S/2 Line 3) of Grants Pass Oregon and Walter D. Gunning (1861- Illinois) of Vancouver, Washington. Children in 1900 Census were Minnie E. (b. Feb 1886 Oregon) and her father-in-law was Jessie (b. Sep 1813-1901 Ohio) was living with her. **Parents were not listed but her father was born in Denmark and mother in Indiana.** Ref: #3, #4. #6 (1900 Census).

NELSON, ANDREW (Captain)

b. 16 Apr 1822 Sweden, d. 1 May 1897 of heart failure, age 75y 0m 15d. Int. 2 May 1897 in SW 22 S/2 Line 6. (Mrs A. NELSON). Married to Augusta Nelson (1836-1899), a carpenter in 1871 and a farmer in 1880, farmer. **Parents were not listed, but were born in Sweden.** Ref: #3 & #6 (1871 & 1880 Census).

NELSON, AUGUSTA

b. 5 Jan 1836 Norway, d. 4 Feb 1899 at Willamette, Oregon, age 63y 0m 30d. Int. Feb 1899 in SW 22 S/2 Line 6. Widow of Andrew Nelson (1822-1897). **Parents were not listed.** Ref: #3

SW 23

SW 23 N/2 bought 8/19/1895 by John Burton

SW 23 S/2 bought 12/13/1896 by Mrs. Ida King

BURTON, ETHEL IRENE

b. 28 Oct 1891 Washington, d. 19 Aug 1896 of spinal meningitis, age 5y 2m 9d. Int. Aug 1896 in SW 23 N/2 Line 7. (Has marker "Departed this life August 19, 1896 age 5y 2m, 9d, Heavens darling thou hast left us, left us yes forever more, and we hope to meet our Lord one Day on that bright and happy shore"). She had a brother George Burton born Mar 1887 and a sister Gladys Burton born March 1894 both born in Washington. **Parents were John & Adeline Burton he was born Oct 1855 in England. [He was a government clerk and owned his own home] and mother Adeline () was born in Oct 1862 in Canada.** Ref: #3

Charles Brown and the First National Bank Scandal

By Vince Roman

Vince Roman, Historical Research Specialist for the law firm of Stahancyk, Kent, Johnson and Hook in Vancouver, Washington has done extensive research on the Charles Brown House at 400 W. 11th Street and the Brown family. The following article concerns early Vancouver citizen Charles Brown, his life, and his tragic death. For more information on the Brown House and family visit www.charlesbrownhouse.com or contact Vince Roman at 360-750-9115.



It was late in the afternoon of April 19, 1901. Charles Brown, President of the First National Bank of Vancouver, Washington, along with Cashier E.L. Canby, left their office on a walk... never to be seen alive again. The next morning their lifeless bodies were found together in a small field not far from downtown Vancouver. For Charles, it was a tragic end to a life so full of prosperity and triumph.

Born in Knoxville, Illinois on July 23, 1850, Charles was eleven years old when his father, Sam Brown, was appointed "Receiver of Public Moneys" by personal friend President Abraham Lincoln. As a result, the family moved west to Vancouver, Washington. Charles was schooled in Vancouver and then moved to San Francisco where he worked for a short time in the printing business. However, he soon returned to Vancouver. Here Charles met a woman by the name of Rebecca Alice Slocum, of the prominent pioneer Slocum family of Vancouver. They fell in love and were married on September 10, 1874 at their home at 400 W. 11th Street.

In Vancouver, Charles immersed himself in city government. He was Mayor of Vancouver for a short time, was a city councilman, and was County Auditor for four successive terms.

In 1891 Charles was elected President of the First National Bank. This career change seems to mark the beginning of the last chapter in Charles's otherwise successful life. According to Brown descendant Anne Hurley, her grandmother Floy Brown DuBois (Charles' daughter), believed that Charles never should have been a banker. He had a passion for poetry and was quite a dreamer; not at all suited for the banking business.

The bank's problems began during the boom years of 1889 and 1890, when it loaned too much money on insufficient funds. When Charles went to work for the bank a year later in 1891, he and cashier E. L. Canby made false entries in the books to cover up the bad transactions. Both men continued this practice over the next decade, keeping the state of the bank a tightly held secret. It was not until April of 1901 that a bank inspector named J.W. Maxwell discovered their secret and confronted both men. Bank inspector Maxwell recalled the following confrontation shortly after his encounter.

"Well, what is it?" asked the inspector, turning around.

"I may as well own up, old man," replied Canby. "You've caught us. You've got onto this thing. No other man ever did, but you have learned it all. There's nothing left but for me to blow my brains out."

Saying this, Canby picked up a revolver, which was on another table in the room and dallied with it for a moment. Maxwell made a leap for him to take the gun away, but Canby ran out of the room into a passageway and held the door fast after him. Maxwell hurried into the main room of the bank where Brown was and exclaimed: "For God sake, go in there: that man is going to kill himself!"

Brown was perfectly self-possessed. Not a muscle flinched as Maxwell made the astounding statement. He walked quickly back into the rear room and out into the passageway, where he and Canby remained alone for several moments. Every instant the examiner expected to hear the pistol shot that would send Canby into eternity, but it did not come. After a few moments waiting, the two bank officers came back into the rear room where Maxwell was. Canby still held the revolver.

"It isn't my fault that I'm not dead," he remarked to Maxwell. "This gun wouldn't go off."

"Let me look at it," requested Maxwell, and Canby passed it over. Mr. Maxwell promptly put it in his pocket. (The Oregonian, April 22, 1901).

Following the onerous encounter, Charles and Mr. Canby, racked with guilt, left the bank for what was to be their last, and most fateful, walk. Witness accounts taken from the local newspaper at the time recalled seeing Charles and Mr. Canby walk north up the street leaving the bank. One witness claims to have seen Charles stop by his house and peek through the windows, probably to get one last glimpse of his family. These are the last known sightings of the men alive. It is believed the two men then continued their walk to a nearby field on the edge of town. There they both committed suicide with the same pistol. Found in Charles' possession was ten cents in loose change, a note to his wife and \$25 wrapped up in a piece of paper addressed to his daughter Harriet Carpenter. After the bodies were found, both men were returned to

their respective families, Charles taken back to his house where his funeral was held. An investigation into the bank's downfall was conducted after the double suicide. After a thorough inquest, the bank was found out not to be in as much trouble as both men evidently assumed. Sources at the time presumed the bank would have recovered.

At the time of his death, Charles was survived by his wife of 27 years, Rebecca, three daughters: Frances Brown, Floy DuBois and Harriet Carpenter, a brother, E.L. Brown and his father Sam. Charles is buried in the Brown family plot at the Old City Cemetery in Vancouver, Washington.

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Married 10 Years, Have 19 Children

Muskogee, OK -- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott of Highland, Kansas, are seeking a home in this state with plenty of land. They will need it, for although they have been married not quite ten years, they are the parents of nineteen children, all boys, and thirteen of them living. They hold the record for triplets, having five sets to their credit, and two sets of twins. All of her thirteen boys are under five years.

Recently the Scotts, deciding that they must find more land, went to Alberta, Canada. They were not satisfied there and returned. On the return trip Mrs. Scott and her thirteen children all rode on one first-class ticket. At Omaha the conductor made a vigorous protest.

"Madam, you cannot carry a whole Sunday School along with you on that one ticket," he said, "and you need not tell me those are all yours. You will have to pay for some of them."

"The rules of this railroad provide that a child under five years may ride free, when accompanied by its parent with a first-class ticket, don't they?" retorted Mrs. Scott.

"They do, but you will have to show me."

Mrs. Scott dug down into her valise and brought out the Family Bible in which was recorded the names and ages of each of the children. The conductor had to give in. The mother and children occupied five double seats in the homeseekers' car and paid for only one.

The names and ages of the children are: Ashbell, Archer and Austin, triplets 4 1/2 years old; Arthur and Arnold, twins, 3 1/2; Allan, Almon and Albin, triplets, 2 1/2; Albert, Albion and Adolph, triplets, 18 months; Abel and Abner, twins, 6 months. Mrs. Scott is 30 years old and her husband is only a year her senior.

The mother and children are now in Highland [Doniphan County] Kansas, while the father is in Oklahoma seeking a location.

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## Samuel Andrew Williams Autobiography

*This untitled, unsigned, undated typed manuscript came to CCGS about 20 years ago. Recently we found this internet page: [http://www.uafortsmith.edu/attach/Library/JFSHSVol5/05-01\\_SA\\_Williams\\_NEW.pdf](http://www.uafortsmith.edu/attach/Library/JFSHSVol5/05-01_SA_Williams_NEW.pdf) indicating that the author was Samuel Andrew Williams (b 1841, Charleston, SC, d 1922, Fort Smith, AR). The web page describes some of Sam's early life and his time in Fort Smith and provides some of the names that are missing from the manuscript. Transcribed by W. G. Whalley, original spelling and punctuation retained.*

Dear Children:--

I have often thought that my life's history, though not very interesting, or full of events out of the ordinary might be of sufficient interest to you at some leisure moments, because it is your Fathers history of his early life.

I am sorry that I cannot give you but very little of my parents history because of my parting with them when I was so very young. This fact you will realize fully as you read. I will state however now that by mere accident I learned the address of one of my sisters, which resulted in obtaining one letter from her. I will give the details of that incident when I come to the time of its occurrence. I shall give the history from one period to another as I remember it. In order to do so intelligently I have to give conversations, not that I remember the words which were uttered, but to fit the incidents which occurred including their results.

I was born at Charleston South Carolina; so was my Father and my understanding is: that my Fathers Father was a Scotchman and came to this country from Hamburg, Germany, right after he was married there. His name had a "Mac" to it, which was dropped by him after he came here. The close friendly and family relations with Hamburg must have continued, because my Father seems to have been sent there to finish his education, and was married to my Mother there before he returned here. One thing I remember very distinctly; Mother made the german language the language of the Home.

One of my Mother's Brothers owned a Vessel (Schooner) with which he carried on Ocean commerce along the Atlantic coast. I was always his pet boy and when I was about 9 years old he got permission from my parents to let me take a trip with him; which generally lasted from three to four months. Neither of us ever came back from that trip and neither of us ever saw any member of the family again.

The vessel stopped at a number of places, but the first one of great importance to me was Rio-De-Jeneiro, Brazil. After about a week he left me with a german family and went away with the ship. How many trips he made from that port I do not know. I remained there about two months. He had said that we would go home from there; but when he took me on board again, he said we will have to stay a little longer this time and we sailed southward. Several short stops were made but after some time we landed at Buenos Aires, Argentina. I was again left with a german family. We had been there probably a month, when one day he came ashore from a trip and about the first thing he said was: I wish now that I had not taken you along. If I had a safe way of sending you home from here I would be glad to do so, but so far I have not found a way. I have a splendid proposition to make a trip from here to Val-paraiso, Chili; which means going around the Horn (Cape Horn). A very dangerous undertaking with a vessel as small as mine but it is new and sound and I do not fear going under; but with you on board, my risk is so much greater. I told him that I did not care for the danger and I begged him to take me along. He said ofcourse you understand what that means; I will yet try to send you home if at all possible, but if I cant' you will have to go along.

In about a week we were on the way south. It must have been a month before the Cape was much talked about but the sea was much rougher than at any time since we started. Ofcourse I was too young to realize the danger. Many, many time I saw three men holding the wheel and once or twice I overheard some of the men say “we are gone”; but I did not know at that time what they meant. At such times, with all the sails reefed in close, every man holding on to a rope or mast; my uncle would sing a song as loud as he could and he had a good voice; again he would stop singing suddenly and give some peremptory order, with a “be quick about it” and then he would tell a Joke. At that time it would astonish me; I did not know what to make of it. Later in life; yes-- after he was laid away in his grave, often times when memory brought these thoughts back to me, it was then that I realized and appreciated, the courage, the presence of mind, the true manhood of that man. I was only allowed on deck when the weather was, partially at least, calm, but I would steal through the hatchway in some way, then if he caught me I would receive a severe reminder and be sent back. If the weather was not very bad I would be allowed to remain on deck and when caught by a sudden squall I was quickly tied to a mast. At one time when I was tied, the weather changed to the terrific very suddenly; a big wave came over the deck. I saw the men jump for the ropes, my whole body was under water for at least a half minute. I was not quite so anxious to go on deck after that in that kind of weather.

We finally landed in Val-pariso, Chili. It must have been six months since we left Buenos Aires. Here I was placed with a family, the father being a german and the Mother a native, speaking the spanish language. Uncle had schooled me more or less all the time since we started whenever weather conditions permitted him to be in the cabin with me. He was a highly educated man, speaking four languages. He taught me all early branches and in the spanish language because as he said, “you will need it in this south american country. While I did not know much spanish but what little I did know was of great benefit to me especially in Val-paraso. The children and the mother spoke spanish. After the first two months I got along very well in talking with the children and the Mother. with the father I spoke german.

During this time my Uncles’ visits were few and far between. He was evidently not feeling well, so I thought; yet I knew he was making trips with his vessel. When he did come, he would settle the bill for my board and clothing if anything had been bought for me, then after saying a few words to me, he would bid me good by. His actions were not natural and it bothered me. We had been there six months or more, when one day before leaving me, he said “In about a week or so I will have a long talk with you. I felt then that he was bothered about something vey serious. In about ten days he came and took me on board. After we got to the cabin he made me set down with him. The first thing he said was the regret that he felt for having brought me along. Boy like I said I was sorry for being such a burden to him; he said Oh – no, no my boy you are not a burden to me in the sense you understand it; I did not take you along to make a sailor out of you, but I fear since this trip has turned out as it has that I have done you as well as the whole family a great wrong. Suppose that you would never see your Father, Mother, Brothers or Sisters again, what would you think of me then? I did not know what to say, but finally manage to blurt, that I did not feel that I was going to die soon, that I was in good health and that I thought I would see them again. He said well! I has better tell you the whole thing. His statement in substance was this: Upon examination of his vessel, it was found that it had been so badly strained on the trip around Cape Horn that the chances for that vessel, to make the trip again in returning were so questionable that it would be foolish to undertake it, but he intimated, that if it was only him and his crew in the risk that he would take it. He then explained further that the pacific coast was generally a quiet sea and that he had concluded to go to California and that sometime in the future we might have the opportunity to get back home by going across the country. I could now, very readily, account for and appreciate his sorrowful feeling. I said that I was glad we were going to

California, that I was very glad that he had taken me along and that I hoped that at some time I could and would be of service to him for his great kindness to me. This seem to make him feel all right and from that time on he never looked sorrowful any more.

The progress of the vessel now was very slow. As a rule, wind was slack. Many times with all the sails set, little and big, not one would be filled but only give a little flop once in a while. Ofcourse we had some severe winds but nothing like the continuous roar around Cape Horn. Uncle instructed me about weather conditions on the ocean, the cause of sudden changes of the wind &c. When we neared the equator, we sometimes had whole days in which we did not make one mile forward. A few days before we passed the line of the equator, Uncle said to me: It is possible that something might happen within the next few days which you will not very soon forget; but if it does happen do not fear that you will be hurt. That is all he would say. A few days after that Uncle and one of the men had just taken the Noon hour from the Sun with their instruments; the crew consisting of, I think, six men, asked me to come forward with them, about midships. They formed a half circle around me along the railing. All at once I heard a terrible voice coming from the sea, and up popped, over the railing, an awful looking immense head, hair all over, great big red eyes, big nose and immense mouth. He roared something about being "Neptune the God of the Ocean and that no living human could cross the equator without first being immersed and that if any one attempted to cross without an immersion he would have to kill them. He said a whole lot more and then he called me by name and said "I have to immerse you right now, come here sir". While he was talking the warning which Uncle had given me come to my mind but I was scared and tried to get away, but the men picked me up and handed me over. He took hold of both of my shoulders then held me over the water for a second or two and dropped me feet downward. I went under but as soon as I come to the surface some one took hold of me and were hoisted on board very quickly. I then found that it was my Uncle who had hold of me. The men all shook hands with me and called me brave &c. I am inclined to believe that my heart stopped beating when he dropped me. Uncle said afterwards that the whole crew had asked him to let them have the fun with me and that he consented with the understanding that he would go into the water himself to make sure that nothing serious should come of it.

I knew at the time how long we were on the ocean making the trip from Val-paraso to San Francisco, but it was fully eight months. When we reached there the Bay was full of ships. It took some time to anchor the ship. When we got to the cabin that evening Uncle looked worried once more. When I asked him what the trouble was, he said "By to-morrow you and I will be the only one's on board this ship, there is not a single ship that you see but what is without a crew; they get gold crazy before they reach here and leave the ship the first night, and you cannot hold them". It come just that way. The next morning every man was gone. Uncle said the only thing he could do was to sell the vessel at some great sacrifice and he and I could then look at californnia.

At the end of about three months he sold his ship. What he got for it I dont know but it must have been a mere pittance because nearly every ship in that Bay was for sale and he said that no crew could be had at any price. San francisco at that time was not a large city but there were thousands of men, young and old but no women, except some china women. I remember Uncle saying "they are not women what you know to be women, they are ignorant female slaves brought from china by their male owners"

A few days after landing we started north in a hired Vehicle to Placerville. It seems to me that it was also called Hangtown. We got there in about 8 days. Uncle talked with a good many people for a day or two and then we started out on foot and wagon and in about 10 days we stopped at a mining camp, which had some 15 log cabins scattered over considerable ground, which was very hilly, though not Mountains. Each of these Cabins was occupied by from one to three men. There were no women or children. Each of these Cabins was located upon or very near a Claim (a piece of land claimed by

the holders for the purpose of digging for gold). Uncle bought an interest in a claim owned by two other men who had a cabin and were working that claim. We moved into the cabin. It was only one large room with sleeping bunks on the side, constructed one over the other like in a ship. It was then in my 12th year. Over three years from home.

Uncle as well as his two partners were at work regular every day, washing dirt from gold. It might interest you to give the early way of doing this. The digging at that time was in spaces of land between hills, generally called ravines or gullies which carry the rain or spring water down to the valley. Boxes were made about 16 inches wide, about 12 inches high and about 15 to 20 feet long. These boxes had a double bottom. The lower bottom had strips nailed across every 2 or 3 feet. The top floor board had holes all over it about the size of a 50 cent piece. These boxes were called "Sluceboxes." They needed as many of these boxes as the topography of the land required, to give the necessary fall to the water which was let in at the upper end of the boxes. At the foot of the boxes was the "long Tom". A much wider box but not so high at the sides. It was about 5 to 6 feet wide and about 10 to 12 feet long. It also had a double floor. The top having about the same size holes as the top floor of the boxes, but the lower bottom was partially covered with a sagging piece of canvass. This was so arranged and set as to hold the matter running over it long enough to settle the heavy portion and let the water carry off all the lighter dirt and other material. The digging of earth was done on both sides of the boxes and shovelled into the boxes. One man with a slucefork was constantly walking in the boxes, mashing the clods of dirt with his feet and with the fork he would throw out all the rocks, roots &c. There was also a man in the long tom with a fork doing practically the same thing. At quitting time in the evening the upper floor of the long Tom was taken off and all the matter which had been caught in the lower basin was put into pans and then washed out by hand. In this way the gold was washed out in those days. Afterwards they used quicksilver to gather and hold the gold; especially the very fine gold which was about equal to coarse cornmeal in fineness. Evidently all the gold taken from the earth in that part of California was at some period of time, torn from its original creative home by some great upheaval in Mother earth and carried and scattered by Ocean floods all over that portion of the earth.

One characteristic of these miners was their true honesty in all their acts and deeds. The pan which held their days earnings of gold dust was placed and remained upon the only table in the cabin. Every evening it received the little additional supply and perhaps once a year it was emptied into a box, provided ofcourse that the daily output showed a fortunate increase. There was no Church or a place of daily worship anywhere in that section, yet not one of these men ever laid down to rest at night without first kneeling and saying the Lords Prayer. This was not confined to our Cabin in that camp but a peremptory rule in every cabin there. At night they would meet and talk over their early history and future prospects. Much singing was done at night. There were 2 or three very fine tenors and one extra-ordinary good base. He had no partners and occupied a cabin by himself and yet there was not a more sociable man in the camp. He had and played a violin and a guitar and played well. When he had no company he would go outside of his cabin and play and sing which would entertain the entire camp; the cabins being but a few hundred yards apart. The camp was in a mountainous section, level land was confined to a few patches. I never heard it even intimated to do planting or raising vegetables or flowers; but even if it had been attempted, there as no soil suitable for that purpose. The camp owned two Jackasses. Every two weeks one of the men took the orders from each cabin and started for town and in about ten days he would return with the provisions, mostly flour and bacon.

As heretofore stated there were no women in the camp Among the men was a swede; his age was well up in the forties. He had been very fortunate in his claim. He had a wife in the old country, his children were grown. He concluded to go after her and bring her to the camp. He went and came

back in about six months and brought his wife. All the camps for miles around quit work and came to see the women. She was much older than he and showed age, but of a very friendly disposition. A little incident, which always remained with me, occurred on a Sunday some days after she came. She with her husband and several other miners paid a visit to our cabin and remained about a half hour. When they left, Uncle and his two partners went with them. I noted one, the youngest man in our camp, remained. I was sitting in one corner in a bunk. He evidently did not see me. The woman while in the cabin was seated upon a small stool. As soon as this young man saw the last man leave he rushed to that stool, knelt and put both arms over the seat and kissed the center of the seat several times, and then ran out. This young fellow, I afterwards learned was about 30 years old., while the woman was passed fifty, nevertheless he ran away with her about three months after she came and they were never heard of any more so far as I know.

About the end of the second year, Uncle commenced to talk about going east in the near future. He had often tried to get some communication from Charleston but without success.

One evening Uncle was complaining of feeling bad, though he made light of it. Knowing him so well I felt that his ailment was worse than what he claimed. It was stomach trouble. The pains started about 7 o'clock. He squirmed for quite a while, when all at once it seemed to have left him as quick as it came. He walked the floor for a minute, then asked me to step outside with him. We set down on a log and he started to talk; when all at once he gave a groan, doubled up and fell forward with face downward digging his hands and feet into the ground. I took hold of his head and spoke to him, I saw that his face was almost black and I called his partners. They turned him on his back but he was unconscious. No medical help was possible. A miner who had acquired a little reputation in that line was quickly called, but he could not suggest anything except to roll him and rub the stomach. He never recovered consciousness and died about five o'clock the next morning. The entire camp quit work that day and the next day he was buried alongside another man who died before we came there. He was very highly thought of in that camp. Highly educated and of large experience, brave to a fault, yet very kind and considerate. A fine entertainer, full of jokes and a splendid memory. It was a severe loss to all these men. At the burial every one of these men, though hardened to severe ordeals, cried like little children. This exhibition of deep grief softened my feeling. Up to that moment I had been stunned but now I realized my utter loneliness, yet tears did not come to my relief. I ran to the cabin and threw myself into the bunk. He had been more than a parent to me. His thousands of kind acts and words came to me one after another, but I could only moan, moan, moan. The men talked very kind, finally one of them took hold of me with both arms, embraced me tightly and kissed me on forehead and cheeks; this started the tears.

I was now 14 years old, of sufficient age to realize my utter helplessness. Gradually with the help of these good men after a few days I began to study "what shall I do" Uncle had told me often "When you find yourself in a condition that you don't know what to do, get down on your knees and ask help of the Almighty and do this until it comes to you in some shape." I did this and finally concluded that I was man enough to face the world and make a living. The men advised me to go to Placerville and obtain employment. This I concluded to do. I knew that Uncle must have left a good deal of money and felt that when he called me out his intention was to tell me about it, where it was &c. and give me instructions about every thing, I felt at the same time that his partners knew nothing about it. To make sure however I asked them, they said no; that after he paid them for the interest in the claim he seemed to have but little money left. They also told me that there was about \$500. due him as his share of the earnings; that the claim had not paid very well and that they would probably quit it and take up one in another direction. They gave me about \$25. in gold dust and told me where to go in Placerville to change it for money and that when I got settled there, I should write them and they would then send me the rest of the money. I examined all my Uncle's papers but could find nothing which led to any clue to his money and



valueables. I felt then and feel now that somewhere in that neighborhood a lot of money and other valuables were buried.

I left the Camp about 10 days after Uncle died. I stopped at mining camps for something to eat and got to placerville in about 8 days. I soon found the parties to change the gold dust for money. They were good people and helped me to obtain employment, waiting on the table in a boarding house. My mind however was upon going to school. I sent for the balance of the money and after it came I went to Sacramento. Travel in those early days was slow, wearysome and somewhat expensive, unless you walked altogether. After reaching Sacramento I immediately looked up a school and attended that. Owing to the good training that Uncle had given me I got along rapidly. I done some work while attending school. At the end of 12 months I left the day school and attended night school and worked through the day. Being cut off from playmates of my age for five years of my early life, always in company of grown people and confined to men only, made me feel, at times, antagonistic to women, especially to grown women. I met girls at school but I avoided speaking to them. I was not bad looking and enjoyed good health. I soon got acquainted with a lot of boys. They delighted in running me up to some girl and see me run off. This feeling did not last long and I learned to go with the girls; in fact after I got started in that direction I went too far and thought it was all right to wean a girl sweetheart from some boy this got me into scrapes and fights and at one time I had to pay a fine in the police court. This touched my pride terribly and I called a halt to that kind of foolishness and stuck closely to my work. I was a bookkeeper in a general merchandise store. Salaries were not what they are now. \$50. a month was a high salary.

When 20 years old I took a notion to travel and hearing of the Silver discovery at Virginia City Nevada, I and three other young fellows took a notion to go there. We found it to be a very bad town. A lot of gamblers and a few very bad women controlled it, so some of the people said. Every body seemed to carry a six shooter. The location was a treeless Rocky Mountain range and a practical absence of soil; hence agricultural efforts in that immediate section was useless. Being far away from any supply point for food stuffs or building material, it was a very trying location for all human endeavors. The town being entirely new, real houses for business or resident purposes were conspicuously absent for the reasons stated. Tents and a few shacks was all the town offered at that time. As yet the town had no government. The rough gambling element had control and did what they pleased. Two of us started a little Restaurant in a tent. We did very well. Of course we had to submit to the treatment of the gambling bosses. Sometimes they would pay when they had money, at other times they would tell you to go to hell. In one instance a young Jew had managed to put up a little store and filled it with about a \$1000. worth of mens' Clothing. It must have cost him a great deal of money. About 15 of these gentlemen? - went there after he had been opened about 2 or 3 days, and selected two suits a piece and were about to walk off with them, saying they would pay him some time. He not knowing them at all, attempted to take the clothes from them and got very wrathful and ran to the back part of the store and came at them with a gun. They filled him full of lead, then set fire to the store and burned the store, goods and the dead Jew. At that time there were 700 or 800 people in the place. More than half of these belonged to the rough element. There might have been a half dozen women but they were the worst kind and of course belonged to that crowd. Of these women nearly all were used as "Monte" dealers a very favorite gambling game of that time.

Efforts were being made every once in a while by the better element of people of forming some kind of government. One move that comes to my mind. A justice of the peace was selected and given the necessary powers and a good and very brave man was secured to act as constable. Some small breaks had been checked, but the real test came one day when this constable attempted to arrest one of the leaders who was beating a young man with a pistol and the poor fellow was on the ground. In making the arrest the constable got the drop on the gambler and forced him to drop his pistol.

Before the officer got fifty feet away with his prisoner, he was surrounded by 5 or 6 of the crowd who ordered him to turn the man loose. This he refused to do and then the battle commenced. The officer almost immediately fell to the ground but he hit two of the gamblers. All of them kept shooting at the man on the ground until they made sure that he was dead. After they left with their two wounded, other citizens went to the officer. I was one of them. He was apparently dead. We carried him to a tent and called a doctor. He had more than 30 wounds, though the most of them were in his legs and arms. He came to in about an hour and in about two months he was on his feet on crutches, but was a cripple for life.

In our Restaurant my partner attended to the cooking and I done the waiting on the table. Though a fine fellow, he had neither patience or policy and hence could not handle the then bosses of the town. One day early in the morning, one of the leaders of the gang came in and my partner happened to be in front while I was busy at something. This fellow said "I want you to get up as fine a meal as you can for about eight of us and a couple Ladies and have it ready by 3 o'clock this afternoon. You will have to put several of your tables together." My partner said what do you expect to pay for it; he said "pay be damned, you will get your pay all right. My partner said something about the pay must be guaranteed. I knew then what was coming before the fellow said it, it was this "Young fellow: we will be here by 3 o'clock and you better have that table set with the best you got in the shanty, if not we will have a whole lot of fun here and we will run this thing without you". These last words gave me an idea. He was just about to pass out. Knowing his name I called him and said. We are about to sell out here, I know you are a gentleman of means and have lots of friends I am satisfied you are the man to take hold of this thing and make money out of it. He stopped and looked at me for a minute and said What do you want for it. I said it cost us over two thousand dollars but we will let you have it at One thousand for the whole thing." He said well, you fix up that meal and we will talk about it then. My partner was somewhat opposed to this, but it was true that we had been talking about selling out, because the business was to uncertain. We got up as good meal as we could and put every thing in good shape on the table and in addition I had a whiskey punch for them. They came about 3 o'clock. I let them eat and talk, waiting on the table all the time until about 4 o'clock. They had not drank very much and I knew that was my time. I made the statement that we were about to sell out, that a lot of gentlemen like them with the Ladies could make this a nice meeting place for lunching and parties, and if they concluded to do so they could run it and make enough money to cover all their Lunch parties expenses. The man who ordered the meal in the morning favored it and after a good deal of talk, some of the women offering to get up the meals the first man made the suggestion that there being just ten, each should put in a hundred and that would settle the matter. Then should they afterwards conclude to give it up they could sell it. This was then carried out. Those that did not have a hundred got enough from others to make it up. The first man in handing me the money said "Now here you fellows is your money, now get out. We required no second invitation. We got our few personals and walked out with thanks. It was a large tent with no floor but boarded on the sides, about 20 feet wide and about 50 feet long; with a little kitchen about 10 x 12 in the rear. An old fashioned stove, about \$40. worth of cooking utensils. In the tent we had about ten tables each with two benches. About 5 dozen plates and about that many cups, saucers and other necessities. It cost us all about \$900. and we has run it about six months. We were extremely fortunate in getting out that way and all our friends said so.

I do not know how long these people kept that Restaurant A few months afterwards a Regiment of U. S. Cavalry came there. The war between the North and South had begun. The officers of the troops made it known that they wanted recruits. About 20 of us enlisted and went with the Regiment. We were to go all the way across the country to take part in the war; but when we got to Salt Lake City, we were stopped by orders from Washington, to keep the Indians and Mormons in check.

We built Camp Douglas, now known as Fort Douglas.

To illustrate the feeling of the Mormon leaders toward our Government at that time, I will relate a little incident. I don't know why, but I think it was through the influence of the 20 young men who enlisted with me, among whom I was somewhat of a leader that I was asked by the commanding officer, when we first started from Virginia City, to select another young man to go with me, and to take the road ahead of the column and keep ahead about a mile or so and take notes and make memorandums of the topography of the country through which we were passing. After travelling about a month through wild country, having nothing but hard tack and sow belly to eat, we were crazy for some different food. We had struck into salt Lake valley and in a day or so, came to a small settlement, (have forgotten the name) we stopped at a small house (the two of us) found only an old Lady. We were in the blouse uniform with brass buttons. The very moment she saw us, she dropped to her knees and begged for her life, saying "Please don't kill me". Of course we assured her that we had no such intention and that we only wanted a little something to eat. We finally got her quieted down and then she told us that they had been informed that the northern troops would come and kill every man, woman and child. She gladly gave us some fried eggs and bread and milk and when we left we gave her 50 cents in silver. We thought the old Lady would go wild over that piece of money. She said it was the first and only actual piece of money she had seen for over 30 years. They used no money at that time. The Church took all their products and after deducting what belonged to the church by way of tithing (taxes) the owner or owners of the products, would receive credit for their needs by way of coffee, Tea, Sugar and all other things they did not raise themselves, including opera house and other amusement tickets. Polygamy was at its best. At first when we noticed a large number of children about a house we took them to be schools but soon learned better. Brigham Young the then President of the Church and the head and front of the Mormon Dynasty, would rather have seen a lot of wild Indians come into Utah than this lot of Uncle Sam's Soldiers. He knew that if the soldiers remained at Salt Lake City, the beginning of the end of Polygamy was at hand. There was something said about ordering our Commanding Officer to not come into the city with the troops but I cannot give that as a fact; but it is a fact that within a short distance of the City, a halt was made and when the wagon train caught up 20 rounds of ammunition was issued to all of us. Flags were gotten out, together with the Band instruments and when we started again the Band was at the head and so was the Stars & Stripes and in that way we rode through Salt Lake City; the Band playing national airs all the time. We camped about two miles above the City on a high elevation. At the first Review and Dress parade which we had after that an order from the War Department at Washington was read making that point an Army Head quarters for that division and named it Fort Douglas.

This was quite a disappointment to all of us, as we enlisted to take part in the War. However it was not in our power to change it and we had to submit. Nearly all our time was taken up with going after Indians, who were annoying, killing and robbing Emigrants travelling across the country from the eastern portion to California, attracted by the gold fever. The Government tried to make them travel in large bodies with plenty of Arms and ammunition, but after starting with a good crowd and seeing no Indians, those that had the faster travelling stock than some of the others, would separate from the others and take their chances. On this account many were killed. The Indians would come upon them late in the evening or just before daylight in the morning. As a rule the men would be killed, the young women and girls would be taken and suffer worse than death and the smaller children were killed. Of course when a Massacre of that kind was reported to us, we would generally be far away from the locality and when we reached the place showing the horrible sights, it was not often that it was possible to catch up with them; but when we did of those who were caught were put to sleep to find themselves in the happy hunting grounds when they woke up (That is the Indians belief when he dies)

Indians do not fight in the open. Their warfare is carried on by getting behind trees, Rocks, get into ravines, Gullies any place to hide and wait for the enemy and shoot him before he can see him. We had but one real battle with indians. This was the battle of Bear River about 75 miles north of Salt Lake City. This took place early in the winter of 1862. It was very cold weather. The indians were of the tribes of Sues and Arapahoes. They had prepared themselves so well at their location that they sent a dare to our commanding officer. We left the Fort in the evening and travelled all night until 9 o'clock the next morning. We rested until 2 p.m. and started again. About daylight the following morning we got to the top of a hill, at the foot of which was the River. On the other side we saw about 700 or 800 Indians all males. They showed that our coming was no secret to them for they were in the midst of a War dance (which is their custom when going into a fight) I will first describe the place and their preparations. It was a large piece of level land at the foot of the mountains. A Ravine carrying the water from the Mountain to the River was their home and fighting ground. It was about a mile in length and in some places 100 feet wide. The inside was covered with small timber and brush. Outside of this gulch or ravine the land was absolutely level and was barren of any timber or even brush and was about a mile wide with the ravine cutting it in two, about the center. The Gulch was about from 15 to 20 feet deep and the sides were slanting. On these sides they had prepared forked sticks and brush upon which they rested their guns in taking aim. (all this we saw after the fight) Now going back to the hill from where we saw the war dance, the indians were then on the level ground outside of ravine, into which they went, when we started down the hill. When we saw the indians we gave a yell you bet they heard it. The hill was too steep to go down on the horses so we got off and led our horses down to the River and then jumped on and crossed the River. We lost several horses and a couple men in crossing. It was a mountain stream, terrible swift and was full of broken ice besides being very deep. The biggest mistake that was made on our part, or rather on the part of the commander, was to let the men ride up to the battle ground in the open. Those of us who were the first to cross the River ran right up. We being on our Horses made us an easy target. Inside of fifteen minutes over forty of our men were on the ground, dead and wounded, many of the Horses the same, many of these running wild. I thought I heard the Bugle calling retreat and turned my head; just then a bullet crossed my mouth along my front teeth. It stunned me, I then heard a bullet striking my horse in the head; he reared and stood on his hind for a second or two and fell. In my stunned condition I failed to jump from the Horse and my left leg was entirely covered by his body. I thought it was smashed altogether. I made one effort to pull from under him but it seemed as if it was entirely separated from the body.

Our men had to fall back and the fighting was then carried on by our men laying flat on the snow and pile a lot of it in front of him and shoot at the Indians as fast as they popped up their heads to shoot at us. The spot where I was laying was close to the edge of the ravine. Fortunately when my horse fell, the result of his fall placed his body between me and the ravine. He fell dead and never moved once any more. I could see quite a number of my comrades some dead and some wounded. Several of the latter made the mistake of trying to move, showing that they were alive and by that means inviting bullets from the enemy. My leg became gradually so benumbed that it ceased to pain me. My mouth pained me severely and bled profusely; my front teeth were practically all gone. None of us wounded could expect any help until an advance was made toward the ravine. The Indians knew that I was alive because every once in a while I could hear a bullet go into my dead horse. I finally took my cap and filled it with snow and pushed it on top of the horse. The first bullet did not bring it down but the second did, when I put it back, but they did not waste any more bullets on it. I had no idea that such a little thing would be noticed, but when we got back to the Fort, that little foolishness promoted me from corporal to Sergeant. It was considered that it showed the enemy what kind of fellows they were shooting at.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon it was learned that the company of Infantry which had left the Fort in wagons, about the same time that we did were in sight and at three o'clock they had crossed the River. They were sent up to the Mountain at the head of the ravine and then divide; one half to come down the ravine on the inside and the other half to cross the ravine and come down on the opposite side from the side we were on. This move left the Indians no outlet except the River. The real fight now began. In about one hour the Bugle call for a charge was sounded. From both sides our men rushed into the ravine. It was a massacre on both sides, the Indians had by far the best of us in numbers. In an hour the fighting was mostly near the River. About a hundred Indians tried to swim across but not over a dozen got away.

It was a terrific fight. There were not over 20 of the cavalry without wounds or frozen fingers or toes. Out of the 200 we came there with we had over 50 dead, about a hundred wounded and about 25 other disabled. Of the 80 Infantry men, they had 15 dead, about 20 wounded. About 40 of their company were in good shape to help now. The Squaws told us that more Indians were coming. This forced a recrossing of the River. 200 fresh Indians could have got away with us in the condition we were in. A better and more shallow place to cross the River was found. There was no way of getting the wounded across, except by four men taking each one on their shoulders and wade across. We had but one Doctor and he could do but little with that number. When finally the Horse was taken off of my leg; it was found broke in three places. It did not pain me as the circulation was entirely stopped. The real pain was confined to the upper joint next to the main body below the hip. It was thought that time that I would lose it. I was tied up like all others who were similarly hurt, with limbs of trees and sticks from the Indian camp. We had to remain in the camp on the other side of the River for 4 or five days before Ambulances and Doctors arrived from Fort Douglas. A good deal food was found in the Indian camp.

A little incident worthy of mention was that a number of squaws came over in the evening of the Battle day and one of them explained that they came because they now belonged to us. This is a rule among the Indian tribes. The winning side gets the squaws. Ofcourse they were told to go back where they came from.

That was the custom among the Indian tribes; the side that won the battle would take the women. Some time afterwards, it was learned that the Mormons had some one of Brigham Youngs Apostles to watch this battle from the top of the Mountain from which we first saw the Indians on the other side of the River at day light of the morning of the battle. He should have said "You can kill those men but you cant' whip them."

When we were finally taken back to the Fort, my leg was found to be disjointed at both knee and hip the bones were not broken but cracked in places. The entire leg was black from hip to foot. I felt no pain for nearly two weeks, then it began and I suffered terrible for a whole month. At the end of two months I got on crutches. In five months I could walk without crutches and at the end of six months I reported for duty.

We had no trouble with the Mormons of any consequence. There was only one time when it looked somewhat serious. The cause of this trouble was the taking away, from Salt Lake City, of a young Women who Brigham Young was about to make his eightyeth or Ninetyeth wife, and bringing her up to the Fort. This happened about the middle of 1863. I had crawled up to the First Lieutenentcy. There was really no fellow feeling between us and the Mormon people. They left us alone and we left them alone. This young Lady was about to be made the poligamous wife of Brigham. I had a few acquaintances among the mormons. Friendly feeling on their part for any of us had to be excercised with great secrecy on their part. They had a way of making people disappear from the face of the earth and no investigation was permitted. (The territory occupied by the mormons at that time was

practically immune from any interference or occupancy by any race of people other than the wild Indians for hundred of miles to the east or to the west) These acquaintances of mine managed to let me know that this young women would rather die than to be made Brigham youngs Misteress. Her father and Mother and She had come from Vermont to Utah several years before and they had joined the Mormon church and her parents favored her becoming the poligamous wife of the President of the church because it was considered, among the mormons, the greatest honor that could be bestowed upon a family. With the assistance of one of these men and a couple of friends from the Fort I brought the young Lady up to the Fort one night about 1 oclock and took her over to the Commanding Officer. He got up out of bed and I presented the young Lady to him. I had instructed her what to say. She told him the whole story and asked for protection from him. He said I will do so. On coming up that night I knew that we had been seen by some men. The next morning there was commotion in the town. The Fort being so much higher than the town we could see what was going on there at any time. We saw men armed running to and fro and finally a couple hundred came marching toward the Fort and stopped about a quarter mile from the guard house. A call to arms had been sounded and every thing was ready for some fun if the other fellows desired it. An unarmed squad of three men came up to the guard house and asked to be taken to the commanding officer and stating the purpose. The commanding officer upon being told, had them sent up to him. They complaint that an officer of the Army and two privates had taken a young Lady from the home of her parents without their consent and against their will, and brought her up to the Fort and they wanted the young lady returned at once. He, the general, told them that he knew nothing about an oficer of his having done what they charged, but that he would investigate that; but that a young Lady had been brought to him and that the young Lady had begged for protection and that he would give her protection if it took every soldier that he had. They ofcourse marched back and joined the crowd, they held a long consultation and then all went back to town. That settled it but not so far as I was concerned. I was called before the commanding officer and he asked for the facts; I gave them just as they had occurred. He expressed sorrow for me, but he said military life is not like civil in which the acts of a man are judged by the results. In military affairs the unauthorized acts of an officer, especially of a nature which may result in serious consequences, forces him to account and punishment, the results of his acts have nothing to do with it. The least punishment in this case is to deprive you of your shoulderstraps and reduce you to the ranks. I waived the court martial. It was intimated to me that I might be restored; but this treatment made me reckless; after that I never tried to regain the good will of that commanding officer. Not a great while after that the officer in charge of the Commissary department offered me a Clerkship in that department and I accepted it. This released me from regular military duties entirely.

Along about the end of the War between the states our Regiment was ordered to Fort Laramie Wyoming. Upon arriving there we found that the U. S. Government was using that Fort for War prisoners of the southern Army. There must have been a couple thousand there. They were the first and only southern soldiers we had seen. They were not kept in confinement, but were simply there to be fed and clothed and permitted to roam at large. We mixed with them every day.

About the middle of 1865, we were mustered out. I had remained with the Commissary department to the end. A lot of us went to Chicago and being green as cucumbers, several of us greenees fell into the hands of sharpers and lost about \$500. a piece, in Wheat. This cured me however of trusting the sharpers. I got acquainted with a young man, who had a grocery store and was doing reasonably well. He and another young man were talking about going into the wholesale Grocery line on a small scale. They wanted to keep the retail line going which one the men had started. They were looking for an other partner with a little money to start the wholesale side and then one of the three could be on the road. I had about \$1000. and finally concluded to put that in with these two. I attended the wholesale feature as well as I could and I thought we were doing pretty well. We found however that the partner

who had the road, made mistake after mistake in selling to bad payers. He sold every body he come to and nearly always on credit without making any attempt to ascertain their standing. Six months rolled around and we were behind. I concluded to go on the road myself and call in the other man. I had been out about 4 weeks and sent in some good orders from reliable people. I was at De Moine Iowa and expecting some money from our house as I was flat, when, instead of money I got a wire "We are closed up by attachment". This was a hard lick. I did not have a cent. It was useless for me to try and go back. I bumbled my way to Kansas City. Though nothing but a small town at that time (1867) It was lively, competing with Fort Leavenworth. I soon got a job keeking books and did well in buying small crops of strawberries and other fruits and sold them to dealers. In the early fall of 1868 I started south with three friends. We had heard that there was some government land immediately south of Kansas, which could be secured by entry from the government by men who had served in the Army during the war. When we got there we found there was no truth in that report. We went to Fort Gibson and while there we heard something said about Fort Smith and Van Buren. Two of us started for these points. We stopped at Van Buren for several weeks and travelled around the outskirts, but could not become interested and finally concluded to see Fort Smith. It was smaller at that time than Van Buren, except there were a lot of soldiers, which made the town more lively. We heard a good deal said about mineral lands, silver, Lead &c. north of Fort Smith, so we bought a pony each and went up to Madison and Carrol counties. After several weeks we gave it up and I came back to Fort Smith. My companion went northward.

After reaching here again, I felt that I has travelled over the country long enough and that it was time for me to settle down and I determined to do so right here. I was always very fortunate in making friends. I had not been here 8 months when the boys ran me for town clerk against an other man. I knew nothing about it, as it was done so quickly. It was brought up in a crowd the evening before the election. I do not remember but as well as I can remember there were not over a hundred votes cast. I was working for Benedict Stebler at the time and had to work until about midnight some evenings. Ofcourse the other man was elected but by a few votes only. In 1869 Mr William Patterson Clerk of the County and Circuit courts, made me his chief deputy and I worked for him until 1873, when Governor Baxter appointed me Circuit Clerk of this County. In 1874 the Democratic party came into power, and at the proper time I surrendered that office to the Clerk who had been elected by that party.

In the mean time some few very important evolutions had taken place in my career, which made me a citizen of Fort Smith for life. On the 12th. day of September 1871 I was married to Miss Pauline Euphrosina Geiger, by the Reverend M. L. Wyneken, in the Lutheran Church. The wedding was celebrated in the old Geiger Home on North 8th. street. The whole town (every body) was there. Mother Mrs. William Geiger and a large number of her Lady friends, kept feeding the people until about 2 oclock in the morning. In the mean time I had become a member of the town council, also a member of the School Board, of which I was the Secretary.

To demonstrate how little value at that time was placed upon property outside the immediate littlle town. Mr. Wm. Rogers, Son of the John Rogers who was the orginal owner of the Land, now occupied by the greatest proportion of the present Fort Smith; and I were personal friends and both members of the City Council, at the same time. Being out in a Buggy one day, driving over the land which to day is occupied as the favorite Resident portion of the city, being along N.12, 13th, 14th, and 15th. Streets; he said "Sam, I have so much of that stuff here upon which they are making me pay taxes, I wish you would take about 6 or 8 Blocks off my hands, I'll give to you at \$75. a Block. You can pay me when you can and if you never pay me it is all right. I want to get rid of it. I was able to pay him for it right at the time, but did not consider it a good investment at that time. That 8 Blocks is easily worth a half million to day.

I will now relate an incident which gave the only information which I ever received about my parents and Sisters and Brothers, since I left in that ship with my Uncle.



Early in 1872, Not very long after we were married I met with a man, who I found, upon talking with him, that he was born and reared in Charleston South Carolina and had known my people, but not intimately. He said so far as he knew, my Father was an accountant for large business concerns. He said that when the War broke out between the States, a large number of people left that state and he felt almost certain that my people left at that time. He was not sure that he ever met any member of our family, except one of the girls named "Anna", with whom he had a passing acquaintance and at that time she was about to take a class in a school, which both him and her had attended but had passed. He thought I might fine out something about her by writing to (he gave me a name of a married Lady which I cannot now remember) and her address, who was also a school mate at that time. I immediately wrote to that Lady, who answered immediately saying that so far as she knew Anna was in Boston, Mass. teaching school but she did not have her address but named a school director who could doubtless tell me about her. I wrote that party and enclosed a few lines to Anna with the request to deliver it to her. In about three weeks I got a letter from Anna; but it was a disappointment in every respect.

The historical part was: that the family when leaving Charleston, when Fort Sumptor was fired on, went to Raleigh North Carolina. The war being a constant disturber, no body felt safe any where and the family travelled almost constantly. The two brothers went north as far as Minnessota. They heard from them once in a while she thought they were now in california and settled there. The only other sister had been with her until about two years ago and after getting married moved to the state of Maine. Father and Mother had travelled a great deal and had lived in that state (Mass) several years, a part of the time in Boston, but that after the children had all scattered and Mamma had so many relatives in Hamburg, Germany who were all well to do and constantly urging her and father to come there, they had finally gone and were there at that time.

The great disappointing part of her letter was her reference to Uncle and myself. Uncle had written a number of times starting with Reo-Janairo. From what she said, they must have received one or more of his letters but their answers never reached us. It seems that the whole family condemned him in deliberately seprating me from them and condemned me for not writing to them. Throughout the whole letter I could see that none of them knew anything about what we had gone through and believed that we cared nothing for the family or any one of them and the spirit of the letter showed a fixed feeling "You cared nothing for us, we care nothing for you". She closed the letter in saying that she was to be married in a few days and would not know where she would be in a month from the date of her letter; but if I wanted to write her again I could mail it to the present address and it would be forwarded to her.

The letter demonstrated that not one of the family had the least idea of the condition of the country regarding mail facilities during the entire war period and for several years after that. At first the letter made me feel vexatious and write back in the same spirit, but upon second thought I wrote a long letter giving the entire history from the time we left up to that day and asked for Mamma & Papa's address in Hamburg &c. but I have never received another letter from her. Ofcourse I do not know whether she ever got my letter or not, but she had my address. Her letter was a great disappointment to me because there was no just cause for the feeling expressed in it. I can give it but one excuse and that is their entire ignorance of conditions in our country during that entire period.

I thought best not to show that ugly letter to Mamma and conclude to await Anna's second letter and then show her both. Never receiving another letter from her I dropped my family history entirely I put away Anna's letter in some safe place at that time but for some reason I have never been able to find it again.

You will find a statement of my career in Fort Smith on an other paper

Affectionately.

Your Father

## *Just Folks*

*By Edgar A. Guest  
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### *TOO LATE*

*Oh, whether it be a train or ship to bear me on my way,  
Or whether it be a friendly call and a cheery word to say,  
Or whether it be a rose I send with love for a fellow mate,*

*Let me not linger and have it said:*

*“You have come, but you’re just too late!”*

*For the train pulls out and the ship departs and the laggard stays behind,  
And little use for the tardy soul does the old world seem to find;  
And life goes on in its steadfast way, for none will it ever wait,  
And vain are the joy and love we bring  
If we come to the door too late*

*Let me come to the station or pier of life in time for the ship or train,  
Let me prove my love when the need is great and not when the proof is vain;  
Let me tell it all with my friendly deeds, not rush at the end to state  
Poor words which the living had smiled to hear,  
But are spoken at last too late.*

*Let me be a friend to my friends today, let them know what I think and feel;  
Let the man I am and the deeds I do the depth of my love reveal;  
Let me stand with them in the battle’s heat, when the need for a friend is great,  
And not trust it all to a wreath of flowers  
Which is sent to his home, too late!*

## “Visiting Around”

by Clark Brown

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Submitted by Patricia Bauer.

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### *CLARK BROWN VISITS*

#### **Hazel Dell to See an Old, Old Clock Which Has Watched Comings and Goings Of a Family for a Century or More**

The old clock hanging on the wall is still telling the true time, just as it has for perhaps a century. It was a wedding present over 60 years ago and it was an old heirloom. What a story it could tell of that wedding day, of the smiling faces, and how later on a proud father looked in its face, got the family Bible and wrote under the heading "births," a name, the date and the time that the old clock told them. A prattling baby used to listen to its tick and then a doctor came and once again the father got the old Bible and looked very said in the face of the old clock and wrote one more date and the time under the heading "died."

"Yes, it's safe to say the old clock is nearing the century mark." said Mrs. Marilda Gardner of Hazel Dell. "It was my wedding present and it was an old clock then. My father, William Reese Anderson, came west in 1849 - my mother in 1847. He came out here to a great forest and took up 640 acres of land known to day as the Anderson donation land claim. Our old home, a log house, stood near where the Totem Pole is.

My home from 1878 to 1912 was on Sauvie's island.

"But there was that recollection of childhood that called me back here."

"Where did Hazel Dell get its name? My mother gave an acre of land to the school district when the school house was built and it was her honor to name the district in the early days. There was a dense growth of hazel brush in this section and just below our school you see that beautiful dell.

"And remember that this road should not be called the Old Pacific Highway. Its proper name is Hazel Dell avenue. We have a large modern community hall here, all paid for, an excellent school and two good stores. As a community, we have modern homes and a happy people, just as we were when I played in the woods long, long ago.

Frank Reiner is a retired soldier who lives on the old Pacific highway near Hazel Dell. After his 30 years service in the United States army, a question came to him what to do. He could find work, but he said, "No, that would displace someone who needs the job."

Frank Reiner was a lover of flowers. He must have something to do. He bought a five-acre tract and became a grower of gladioli. He purchased the choicest of bulbs of over 100 varieties. Last year he had 15,000 bulbs.

He has a modern fumigation shed and uses dips and sprays. His "glad" garden is one of the most beautiful to be found. Many stop to visit and buy flowers, but no flowers are sold. He sends them to his neighbor on the hill, who makes a living in that business.

Neither does he sell bulbs. His flowers go to those who can not buy. To homes of the sick his flowers find their way, to little homes where people love flowers but just can't afford to buy.

"It's a lot of work and expense," he said, "but the enjoyment I get from it is worth it all. Come in gladiolus time and see my garden as you have in the past eight years. This shall be my banner year."

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## *CLARK BROWN VISITS*

### **Camas for a Chat with Jack Harrington; Visit with Judge Duncan Recalls Story Of the Judge, a Boy and a Fishing License**

On the way to Camas we passed the homes of many old pioneers - most of them gone, but a few remaining. There was the Liesers' farm, grandchildren still holding on to the spot their grandfather loved so well. Some of the Strangers are still alive and always glad to tell the story of the old settler who dwelt by the river. Farther on are two old mill stones on a road leading to the old home where once stood the old Hudson's Bay mill that ground the grain the farmers brought from the plains. Jack Harrington and Bruce Thurber were alone in their office when Walter Scott appeared on the scene. The conversation turned to bowling. So far, Walter has been champion but that day the great battle was to take place.

"Run along," said Jack, "never mind the strikes and spares and leave Brown and me alone. We want to talk of the horse and buggy days."

"And they were great old days," he said. "Fifty-two years ago I came here and I have never wanted to leave. A lot of the old-timers are gone, but the few of us who remain still meet and talk of the political fights we had when we used to meet in the old Columbia hotel in Vancouver.

"I'd hitch up my horse and buggy, drive to Vancouver, put the horse in Bud Smith's livery stable, then forget everything but politics. The world can learn a lot from those days when there was more spirit of helping out your neighbor when he was in trouble."

Our visit was interrupted when Bruce Thurber returned. Scotty was still champion.

E.C. Duncan, justice of the peace and police judge, was busy and we had to return later. We have never forgotten the first time we visited the judge several years ago. We were alone and he was tolling of things gone by when an officer entered with a lad.

"What's wrong?" said the judge.

"Fishing without a license, I'm guilty." said the boy. "I'm sorry but that doesn't count."

"Catch any fish?" asked the judge.

"They must be biting now."

"No, I didn't have time."

"Why didn't you get a license? You knew it was wrong."

The boy explained his mother had been sick and it took all he earned to care for her. Judge fined him \$10, but suspended the fine with a warning.

a After the boy and the officer had left, Judge Duncan said, "I must call and see

those folks. The mother is sick - and say, I wanted to put my arms around that lad when I saw his chin quiver. Rather than send him to jail for his first offense, I'd serve the term myself."

We surmise that a few days later a man and a lad could be seen with rods and lines looking for the old fishing hole. The lad had a license and they talked of both fish and life.

But two pioneer stores remain in Camas. One is Farr Brothers clothing store, established in 1910. The other is the funeral establishment founded by Wilmer Swank in 1905.

History says that La Camas was so named because the Indians long ago went there to gather the camas bulb for food. In 1846 John Hunsaker took up a claim there and built the first saw mill. In 1883 the La Camas colony decided to develop the water power and bought 2600 acres of land. Then came the paper and flour mills.

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## *CLARK BROWN VISITS*

### **Washougal Pioneer and Hears Memories Recalled by an Old, Old Maple Tree Still Standing in Vancouver Yard**

Near the residence of Joe Hall at 2611 "Q" Street, there stands an old, old maple tree that marks the spot where stood the early pioneer home of Jeremiah Hathaway and his wife, Isabella. It was March 31, 1864, that two boys came to this home. Known as the Hathaway twins, these boys

were named Alfred and Alpha. March 31, 1938, the twins, "boys" still, were strolling up and down the streets of Vancouver, smiling and reminding the writer that it was their birthday.

"Just looking the old town over," they said. "Some change in the past 74 years."

Father and Mother came here in 1852, across the plains with an ox team. One of their children died on the journey and was buried near Cascade Locks. :Father took up a tract of land known today as the Hathaway donation land claim. It was in the tall timber then, but the country today is covered with Vancouver homes.

"Of father's family, my oldest brother and the twins - that's us - survived. Well we remember the old maple tree. We sat under its shade when boys and at the age of 74 we find the old tree same as of old. It brings memories of the little home in what was then the country of paths and trails through the woods. Now the claim father took is dotted with beautiful homes. ;The forest is gone but the great maple still stands."

A few days later the writer visited the home of A.O. Hathaway at Washougal. A great crowd had gathered - the occasion the celebration of their golden wedding.

"We'll talk a while," he said. "First I'll tell you it was a half a century ago that I led Miss Lucy Blair to the altar at Vancouver and Mr. Skidmore, the Methodist minister, made us one. We have two boys and two girls living. One of our boys, Willis, is

physical instructor in the navy and secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Shanghai?

When I complimented him on his beautiful brick home, he said, "Well, this is my home town and has been for 40 years. A lot of houses have been built and sold - always with a view to attractive homes and good citizens to fill them.

the speaker pointed to the Methodist church - a church for which he gave the land and \$1000 toward construction of the building. He also gave six acres on which the Hathaway school was built and named in his honor.

"It has been a thought in our family," he said, "that churches and schools are something that society, if it expects to succeed and prosper, must have.

"Our married life has been happy - struggles at times, but what's life without struggles? At the age of a few days over 74 I am sure it is worth living for the good we can do. I would like to have you meet my brother from Corvallis. He is 86 and hale and hearty."

The call came for the ceremony of the golden wedding, so goodbye was said to the bridegroom and bride of 50 years ago.

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## *CLARK BROWN VISITS*

**Yacolt to Hear from J.P. Banzer the  
Legend of How Yacolt Got Its Name;  
Indian Massacre of Long Ago Related**

One of the communities we have neglected has been Yacolt, we were reminded recently, so we strolled into the old pioneer store of Eaton brothers which was established by their father in 1901.

"It's lucky you came," said William Eaton, "for here is a pioneer who can tell you not only of Yacolt's history, but of the early history of Clark County. Meet J.P. Banzer."

"First I shall tell you how Yacolt was named," said Mr. Banzer. "This is as it was told to me by an Indian and perhaps as told to him by his father or grandfather, for they had no written history and stories were handed down from father to son.

"This section where we are now sitting was, in the long ago and even in my time, a spot where wild strawberries and blueberries grew in abundance. The Klickitat Indians claimed the field and made their annual pilgrimage here to gather berries.

"On one occasion they found a number of Wilamie Indians, as they called them. A fight started and all the Wilamies were massacred, as they thought, but an Indian girl escaped.

"The next year, when the Klickitats returned, they heard someone singing the Wilamie death song and saw a maiden

disappear in the distance. Several times they heard her sing.

"They said she was a spirit, the ghost of her people. The word 'spirit' in Indian tongue is Yacolt and that is the Indian version of the naming of this territory."

"So far as I know I am the oldest white man born in Clark county and now living. I am near the four-score mark in years. My parents came to Clark county in the early fifties and took up a homestead near La Center on the Lewis river. It was there I was born in a little log house.

"My first school was in the little log schoolhouse that stood not far from the present La Center school. I learned to speak, as a boy, the English, German and Indian languages.

"I first saw Yacolt in 1876. It was almost all Indians but gradually the white man came and brought civilization. I saw the mill started and the roads take the place of trails.

"I logged and worked in the sawmills and helped to build the roads, which were most needed. In the passing years I have seen Yacolt change from the old busy lumbering town and I have faith it will once more be the same busy town it was before the fire came and the lumber industry.

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## *CLARK BROWN VISITS*

**C.C. Landon of Yacolt and Hears How  
Vancouver Grew Through Many Stormy  
Sessions of Council of 50 Years Ago**



"Come right in," said C.C. Landon of Yacolt the day we visited him. "There is no need of an introduction. I recognize you as the field representative of the Columbian whose column I have read for many years. I have an interest in the welfare of that paper for a long time ago when I lived in Vancouver I suggested that we needed another paper, and through my efforts we incorporated. I was one of the first incorporators and I have never regretted what I did. "No, I am not related to Alf Landon of Kansas, but I voted for him. Here is his picture and a supply of sun flower badges I gathered up during his campaign.

"I came to Vancouver 49 years ago. Houses were scarce but I succeeded in renting one from the Elwell brothers. I had faith in Vancouver. I was in the real estate business for a time. One of the things I cherish most in my memory was when I was a member of the city council. It was my pleasure to be at the first meeting when Washington became a state. Here was the line-up: Dr. J.R. Smith, mayor; L.M. Hidden, S.D. Dennis, Dr. A.B. Eastman, James A.C. Brant, Michael O'Connell and myself, councilmen; George Sears, treasurer; Dr. H.A. Hull, health officer; J.H. Elwell, clerk; E.A. Slocum, police judge; W.B. Daniels, attorney. When the roll was called, all answered "present." Today but one could answer to that call for I alone survive.

"During that term there were many stormy sessions. We opened Eighth street and what a fight when improvements were

made on Main street and Washington street was opened from Eighth to the river.

"One of the improvements we made is no more. It was the fire hall bell tower on the old town hall, known as Hidden's tower.

"I came to Yacolt in '93 and took up a homestead, moved here in '94 and this is still my home. I served one term as mayor and now live here alone as my wife passed on some time ago.

"I don't get to Vancouver often. You see, when one passes the four-score mark, he enjoys home best. So many of my old friends have answered the great roll call in Vancouver that I once knew, that I am left a bit lonely when I visit my old town of half century ago."

A short distance from the Landon home is the Freudenburg home. Said Mrs. Louise Freudenburg: "We came to the Dole valley in 1903 when it was just a mass of timber. We took up a claim and raised stock. We had to have roads, and I had the honor of being made road supervisor; so far as I know, the only woman road boss ever holding that capacity. I held the job for 10 years. We got help from the forest service and the county. I was on the job when the work was being done.

"Time passed and the fire of 129 came. The school and store burned so we came here to Yacolt, and this is our home."

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