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# CORVALLIS

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You will want to save your copies of "Corvallis," for in it you will find the most complete record, old and new, of this city and county. The anatomy of a hometown where you live or through which you are passing. Pictures galore, and we need more! Do you have a story to tell? What's in your attic, neighbor?

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## Looking Forward

with TOM WILSON

HISTORY BEGINS today. It is always a beginning of something--never an ending. Nothing that ever happened can be erased from the records of events that follow.

Sometimes an event appears to be an act of finality. For instance, the great flood of 1861 swept away the small town of Orleans which was just across the river from our postoffice. Streets, houses, business buildings, the first iron safe in the vicinity--everything--plunged to a watery grave. But the memory lives.

The history of a town is also the history of everybody who ever lived there, or even just passed through there. It's the time-space continuum--you can't say something started here or ended there. What about that?

Time, early 1920's: Space, Corvallis--

Do you remember Ed Strong who was manager of the Blue Mouse theater? He is Chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley now.

Ray Bethers, grandson of pioneer George Bethers, was a budding artist at C.H.S. Now in London, he has had 21 books published. (See his letter elsewhere in this issue.)

Rex Clemens, Corvallis schoolboy is a multimillionaire lumberman at Philomath.

Ralph Chapman, C.H.S., now an internationally known inventor and industrialist, still is here.

Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize winner, was a student at O.A.C.

Editor Harralson of the "Currier" went to Hollywood and became a movie actor.

Count Tolstoy II, Mischa Elman, Tony the bootlegger, Weber and Fields, and Ming Toy stayed at the Julian Hotel.

Phil Corbett ran the brickyard; John McCready ran the sawmill; Fred Tharp grew hops on the townsite of Orleans village; and when Tom Graham took his fire department out, you could smell smoke.

This is just a beginning. Someday someone will remark, "I remember way back in 1962 when the locust trees were planted on Madison Street."



Via Nuova, Roma  
"He was an atom scientist . . ."



## OUR CHANGING BOUNDARIES

Benton county was created by an act of the Territorial Provisional Government, December 23, 1847. It extended to the ocean and from Polk county to the California border.

In January 1851 Umpqua and Lane counties were formed from Benton and Linn counties.

The southern boundary of Benton and the northern boundary of Lane were made coincident, extending to the ocean, on December 22, 1853. Benton's northern boundary was coincident with Polk county's southern boundary, also extending to the ocean.

This was the status of Benton county when Oregon entered the Union, February 14, 1859, becoming the 33rd State.

The area that had been the Oregon Territory was divided into other territories in the follow-

ing years:

Washington, March 2, 1853

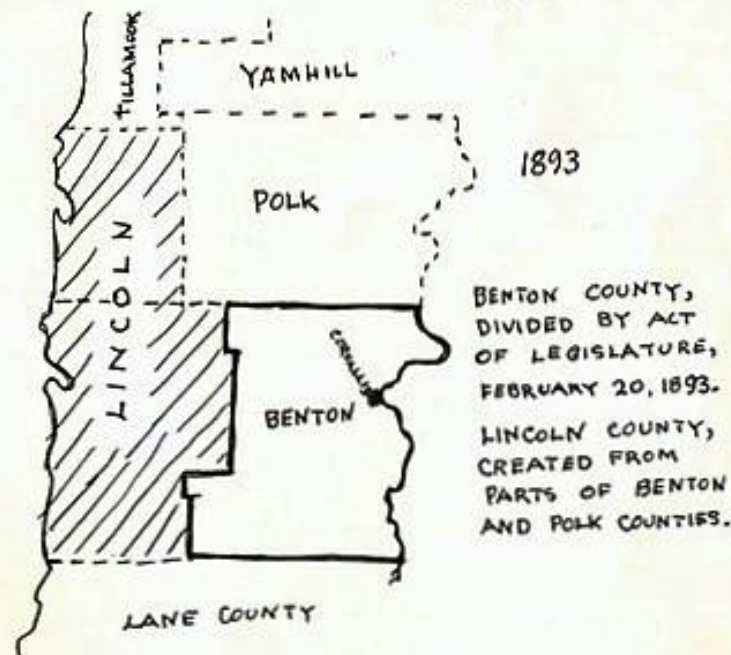
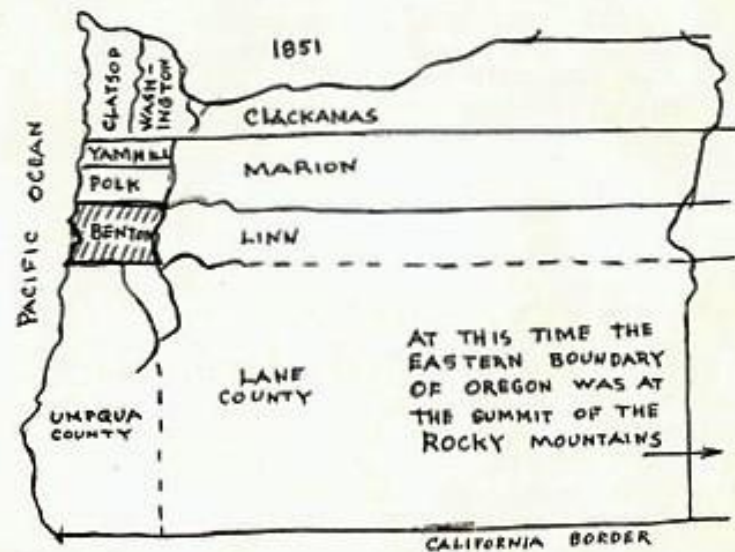
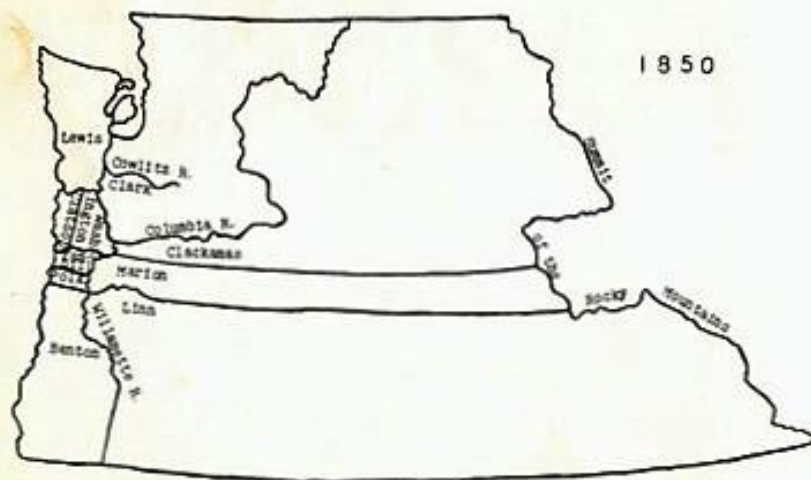
Idaho, March 3, 1863

Montana, May 26, 1864

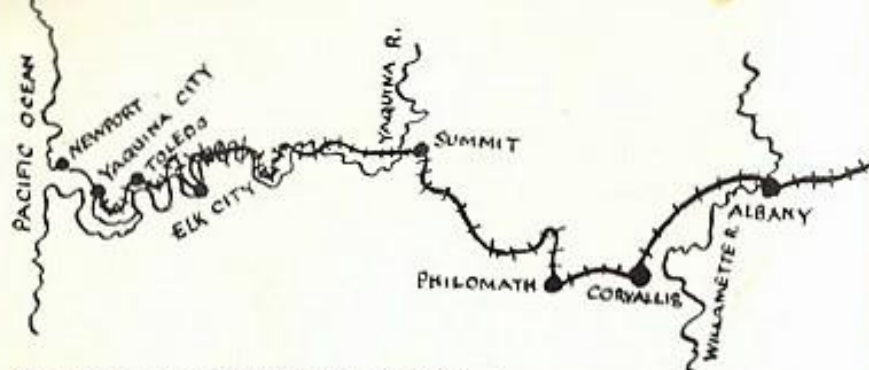
Wyoming, July 25, 1868

By an act of the Oregon Legislature on February 20, 1893, Lincoln county was formed from the western half of Benton county and part of Polk county.

This final division of the county came as a severe blow, and somewhat of a surprise, to many local citizens. 1893 was a year of disaster. The Oregon Pacific railroad was bankrupt, the ~~bank~~ bank, Hamilton, Job & Co., was closed, and the entire country was suffering an economic panic and depression. To lose the western half of its area, with its vast timber and other resources, was indeed a calamity to Benton county.







## THE CORVALLIS & FRUSTRATION RAILROAD

By Tom Wilson

### PART 3 -- THE SEAFARING LOCOMOTIVE

FROM THE TIME grading was begun, May 6, 1878, ten miles of narrow gauge roadbed extended the Willamette Valley and Coast Railroad into the foothills past Philomath. Then the work stopped.

Colonel Hogg had a bigger dream: the railroad would be standard gauge and would extend from Yaquina City to Boise City, Idaho, where it would connect with the Union Pacific and become a truly transcontinental route. Yaquina City was destined to become the San Francisco of Oregon, Hogg said, and everybody believed him because that was what they wanted to believe.

More importantly, a larger vision was needed to get more money from eastern capitalists. So, on September 15, 1880, the Oregon Pacific Railroad was incorporated by Hogg, Wallis Nash, Sol King, Thomas E. Cauthorn, and

Zephin Job. Colonel Hogg was President of the new company; William A. Hoag, the Colonel's brother, First Vice-President; Wallis Nash, Second Vice-President; Isaac W. Smith, chief engineer; H. Yates, Superintendent; Bushrod W. Wilson, Secretary.

The Oregon Pacific bought an engine. It was a small, second-hand, diamond stacker named *Corvallis*, built by Grant, and shipped to Portland by ocean steamship. It arrived at Corvallis on a river boat, and was unloaded and stored in a shed. The rails, bought in England, had not yet arrived. Complications arose, for Yaquina bay was not deep enough for large ships, and the rails had to be unloaded at San Francisco and transshipped to Oregon. The little locomotive stayed in its shed.

A year passed, and then with a new grading contract in effect (September 9, 1881), a labor force of 500 Chinese made the dirt fly. Within a month more than 800 men were building the new standard gauge roadbed toward Philomath, ignoring the narrow gauge roadbed previously graded by the W.V. & C. Railroad, now called "Wet Valley and Constant Rain Region."

Still the little engine remained in its shed, for the rails were at Yaquina and the finished roadbed was in the Willamette valley. So, William Hoag, in charge of construction, decided to start laying the rails from the western end of the line. The *Corvallis* was taken out of its shed, skidded onto a riverboat and sent back to Portland, where it then went by steamship down

the coast to Yaquina City--and into a new shed.

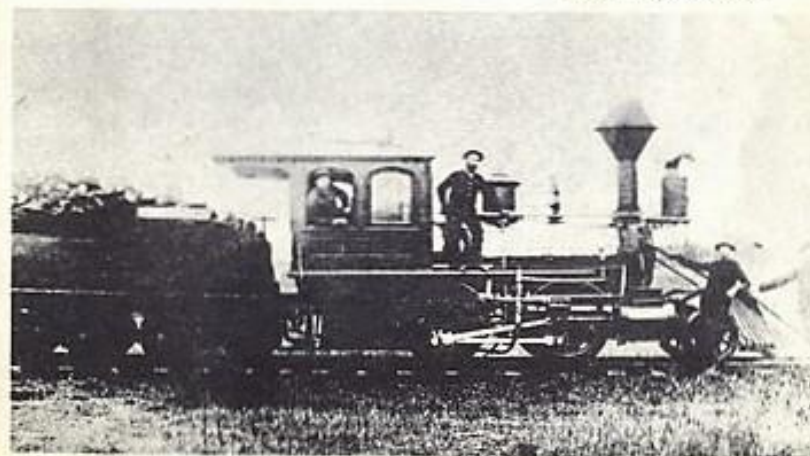
Another year passed, then with new money and more Chinese laborers, the work progressed rapidly from both ends of the line. In 1884 the little engine *Corvallis* went to sea again. This time it rode on the steamship *Yaquina City*, the proud first ocean ship owned by the Oregon Pacific. Again, the *Corvallis* journeyed up the Willamette aboard a riverboat, and again it was skidded up the steep bank at the Oregon Pacific river dock near the foot of Jefferson Street.

The little engine was scrubbed clean, her brass work polished bright, and she was present at the joyful ceremony when the first spike was driven to hold the first rail on the roadbed begun six years before.

*(To be continued)*

The *Corvallis* has its picture taken.

*H. H. Arrey Collection*









# THE STORY OF CORVALLIS

Some Items and Events in the Story of Benton County

By John E. Smith

1888

"Corvallis college" continued in the old building until 1892, with local pastor of M.E. Church South as president.

1889

Electric lights installed in home of B.W. Wilson (first) and others. State Agricultural college bought more land, built Alpha hall (dormitory) and "Mechanical Hall" with blacksmith and carpenter shops.

1890

Street car system, 2¼ miles, in operation, October 18, met all trains; tickets; 50 or more, 3¢ each, to school children, 1¢ each.

1891

Electric light plant installed at the State Agricultural college. Cauthorn (now Kidder) hall erected as a dormitory.

1892

Death of B.L. Arnold. John M. Bloss, M.D., president in

NOW HOTEL CORVALLIS



Occidental hotel at Second and Madison. Streetcars ran from the depot at Ninth and Washington, through downtown, and out to Job's Addition in the northwest section of town. Photo courtesy of Joe West, Corvallis hotel.



Main street, about 1868. This may be the earliest photograph. From the album of Lillian Preston Glaser, Seaside. The driver of the dray in photo is her father, Vesalius M. Preston, who crossed the plains in 1853. The other man with him is Lewis Wilson, father of the late E.E. Wilson. Photo courtesy of Harriet Moore, Curator of O.S.U. Archives.

the fall. Bell Telephone company in Corvallis, to Portland in July. The Carriage factory began work here, also an ice factory. Bonds for water, light and sewer were voted in August. The City let contract for 10 blocks of paving, \$6541.00. Part of Madison St. and of Second St. graded for paving by November. Kindergarten and private school here by Miss Ida Booth of Newport.

1893

Hamilton & Job bank closed, June 10; too much Oregon Pacific rail-

road stock. The severe panic of 1893 was in progress. The First National (Woodcock, now U.S. National) bank of 1890 did not fail. Lincoln county was created from western Benton and western Polk. Several schools with money on deposit lost it when the bank closed.

1894

The railway to Yaquina bay sold at sheriff's sale for less than 3% of its cost.

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1897

Thomas M. Gatch became president of Oregon Agricultural college. James Withycombe, professor of agriculture, 1898.

1898

Benton county represented by a Co. of men in Spanish-American war.

1899

Wm. Fooks Dixon, deceased, was buried in Henderson cemetery five miles south of Philomath. No marker.

1901

Carriage factory (long silent) sold to R.M.Cramer, owner of the organ factory at Dallas, (\$4500), who later moved its machinery to Albany.

1906

Corvallis obtained water supply

from foothill slopes of Mary's peak.

1907

W.J.Kerr became president of O.A.C. (now O.S.U.).

1908

W.C.Hawley, a native of Benton county, elected to Congress from Oregon.

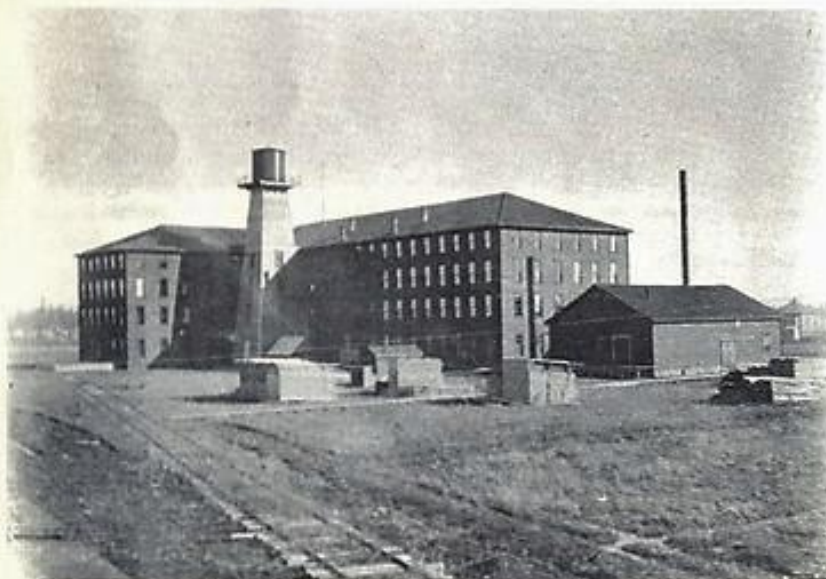
1909

The Corvallis Gazette-Times began publication as a daily. The S.P. railway completed to Monroe; first train ran, April 27.

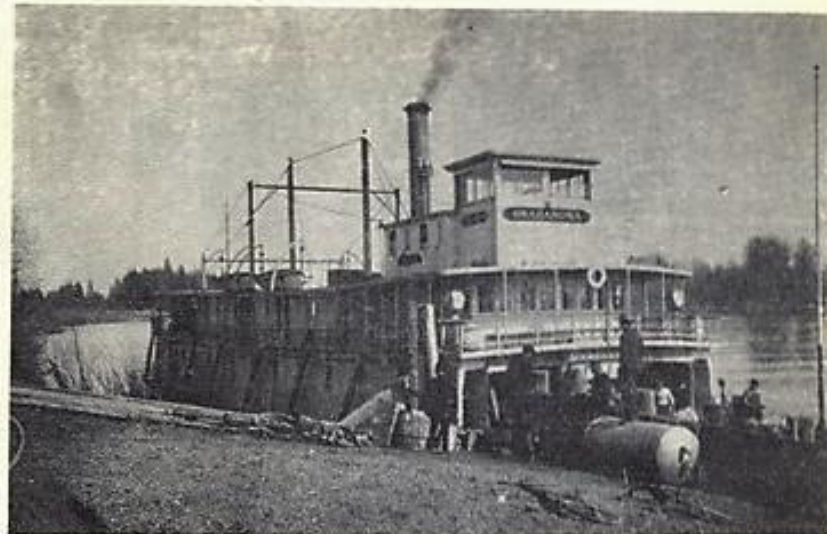
1910

First paving done in Corvallis, on Second and on Madison Sts. Corvallis Central park high school building (pressed brick) completed.

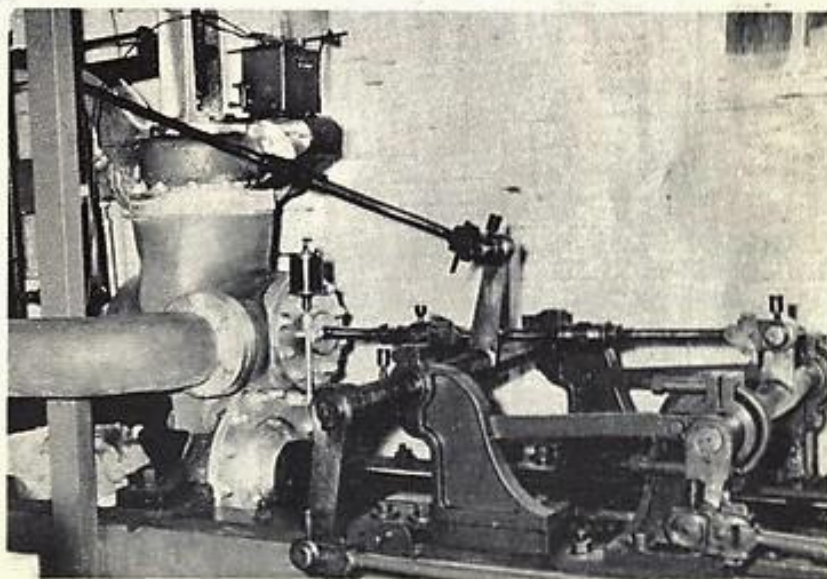
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The Carriage factory at 13th and A streets.



The sternwheel riverboat *Grahaona* at Graham Transportation Co. dock between Madison and Van Buren streets. Sometimes as many as four riverboats were loading at Corvallis at the same time.



Steam engine of the type used in most riverboats. This one was in the *Claire*, of Portland. Photo courtesy of Fred Clyde.



# The Mountaineer

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## LECTURE COURSES TO BEGIN SOON

### FOUR MEN SCHEDULED

Members of College Faculty Discuss Range of Subjects.

Arrangements have been practically completed between the principals of Philomath, Monroe, and Alsea High Schools to secure a course of four lectures from the State University. The tentative schedule for Alsea runs:

- January 15—Dr. Hodge, subject, "Scientific."
- February 19—Dr. Schafer, subject, "Historical or Political."
- March 26—Professor Gilbert, subject, "Political or Economic."
- April 23—Dr. Rebec, subject, "Educational."

If by any chance these dates are changed, an announcement will be made as early before the dates as possible.

Two lectures have been provided by the Oregon Agricultural College. The students hope to secure Professor Gentle of Oregon Normal School.

The Extension Departments of Oregon colleges are doing a very vital educational work. They declare that they are carrying the colleges to the people, and this is true. College lectures are being given in almost all communities. There is no reason why Alsea should not also enjoy these.

## OBITUARY.

James Wilson, aged eighty-two, passed away last Tuesday afternoon. The immediate cause of his death, which came very suddenly, was pneumonia.

Mr. Wilson was born in Ireland, near Belfast, in the year 1832. He left Ireland when twenty-one, and came to Ontario, Canada, where he spent a good portion of his life. In 1862 he married Miss Nancy Salmene. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson moved to Oakland, California, in 1882, and four years later came to Alsea.

As a youth, Mr. Wilson learned the trade of stone masonry, and followed this throughout most of his life though he always lived on a farm.

The funeral services were held in the Alsea Cemetery last Wednesday about eleven o'clock. Reverend W. D. Risley preached the funeral sermon.

Besides the widow, Mr. Wilson leaves ten children: Mrs. Agnes Hayden, Mrs. W. H. Malone, both of Alsea; Mrs. Ed. Kimball of Scio; Mrs. Jenny Berry, of Dixon, California; Mrs. Theodore Cranz, of San

## TELEPHONE COMPANY HOLDS MEETING.

The Alsea Telephone Company met last Monday for the consideration of assessments, and to receive bids on the operation of the switchboard. Will Earnest bid forty dollars on the latter. This being the lowest bid, Mr. Earnest was given the work. The switch will be at Mr. Earnest's home. The new operator will take charge of Central Office as soon as the transfer can be made.

The rate of assessments was not altered, although it is expected that in the near future this will be lowered.

C. J. Sanford resigned from membership on the Board of Directors, Tom Vidito was elected to fill the vacancy.

## LOCAL NOTES.

H. C. Harter was in town Monday.

Tom Taylor was in Alsea last Wednesday.

John Taylor, of Lobster, was in Alsea Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Taylor went out to Corvallis Thursday.

Chester Crockett, of Albany, is helping his father slash.

A great many potatoes were frozen during the cold snap.

Leighton Balles, of Five Rivers, made a trip to Alsea Saturday.

Dr. A. Miles of Lobster made a trip to Alsea Saturday for the mail.

Miss Vevia Tharp has been helping in the postoffice the past week.

Mr. William Frahlech, of Five Rivers, was a visitor here last week.

Lee Steeprow is expecting to move to Polk County the coming spring.

R. N. Adams, of Corvallis, has been varnishing J. E. Taylor's house.

Henry Baumann is planning to move to Washington next week.

Francisco; Mrs. John Winkle, of Corvallis; Mrs. Roderick McLennan, of Portland; John Wilson, of Denzer; George Wilson, of Nortons, Oregon; and Hugh Wilson, of San Francisco.

## ALSEA GIRL MAKES GOOD

### REWINS SCHOLARSHIP.

Graduate of Alsea High School Gains Scholastic Honors.

Miss Bernice Tom, who graduated from the High School here last year, has been awarded the Mary Spiller scholarship the second time. This is an unusual honor. It is so bestowed only when a student's scholastic record is exceptionally good, and her pluck and determination to win her education fully evidenced.

Miss Tom was a graduate of the Teacher's Training course and then secured a one year teacher's certificate. She taught at Missouri Bend last summer, and has been asked to return there. According to present plans, she will teach the spring session. Her studies have granted her permission to carry on some of her studies through correspondence, and thus she will be able to keep up with her classes. The second award of the scholarship will enable her to continue her college course the coming year. She writes:

"My coming to the University of Oregon is the greatest thing that could have happened to me. I have, as yet, only brushed my shoulders against the College buildings, yet the benefits that I have derived from the associations and experiences in so short a time are invaluable. I find the University a place, or rather a community, where young men and women representing different localities and different classes meet on a common ground, with a common intellectual aim. By these associations one gains new ideas and views, and distinct principles for judging and acting. They give one a broader way of looking at things, an ability to associate with others. Another great advantage of University life is the opportunity it affords one of hearing and meeting influential men and women. On Wednesday evening of this week, Professor Kuhneman of the University of Breslau, Germany, lectured on "The Great Moral Problem of Germany."

"Here as everywhere you will find the 'Smart Set,' but they are so far outnumbered by the friendly, enthusiastic set that you never feel the slightest sting. I find that the boy or girl who is working his or her way through, has just as much power and prestige as the one with the full purse."

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Pat Rador made a trip to Alsea Tuesday.

Will Steeprow butchered hogs December 19.

Clyde McCormick is working for W. H. Brown.

H. L. Stephens went out to Portland Sunday.

Dave Tom has been sick the last few days.

William Blake made a trip to Portland last week.

Guy Roberts has been helping Sam Miller clear land.

Mat Payne, of Fall Creek, was in Alsea Wednesday.

Mr. North took Christmas dinner at Mr. Dorsey's.

Sam Campbell of Big Elk passed through Alsea Sunday.

E. H. Bowen was hauling hay to Psalm Bowen's Saturday.

The Grange is planning to have a New Year's dinner.

Frank Keller was visiting friends in Corvallis last week.

Mrs. N. J. Goodman has been on the sick list, but is improving.

A number of friends were Christmas visitors at John Dyers.

D. M. Steele is pasturing three head of cattle for W. C. Crawford.

Clive Rickard and Mr. Smith of Corvallis are visiting Harve Purdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor spent Christmas with relatives in Alsea.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis spent Sunday with Mrs. Anna Barclay.

Mrs. Sarah Rycraft visited at the home of Lon H. Rycraft on Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas B. Carr was a visitor at the Goodman home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stephens spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Steele last week.

Brick Rycraft, who has been working at Blodgett, is visiting friends and relatives in Alsea.

Clair Trenholm and Eckley Beals brought their cream to town on pack horses last week.

## ALSEA TAKES TWO GAMES

### TRI-LEAGUE MAY TIE.

Alsea and Bellfountain Each Have Two Chances for First Place.

Monroe proved to be easy picking for the Alsea Quintet last Friday and Saturday nights. The scores were 38-5 and 39-14. The exhibitions were not very classy. A heavy fog seemed to obscure the Alsea boys' basket most of the time while Monroe could not keep the ball in their end of the hall long enough to exhibit their basket shooting ability. The Alsea boys play one more game with Monroe.

The next game with Bellfountain, January 16, is the last league game on the home floor and should be interesting. Each team has lost one game to the other. Should Alsea and Bellfountain tie for the championship of the league it is quite likely that the number of points.

Thel line-up is as follows:  
Alsea Monroe  
Bowen.....F..... McKinney  
Hembling.....F..... Ingram  
Wren.....C..... Mills  
Steele.....G..... Hibbs  
Stephens.....G..... Hutchinson  
Standing of the teams:  
Alsea ..... .800  
Bellfountain ..... .667  
Monroe ..... .000

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Psalm Bowen lost one of his livery horses last week. The animal's death was due to lung fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Roberts, of Trout Creek, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Nortons, who attended the funeral of Mr. Wilson's father, returned home Christmas Day.

The Christmas tree and program at Harmony Flat was a great success. There was a large crowd, and all enjoyed the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hockema entertained Tommy Hockema, Paul Hockema, Delbert McCormick and George Cumbo on Christmas Day.

Tom Cooper broke a wheel on his freight wagon last Saturday. The wagon and most of the load was left at the foot of the mountain. Mr. Cooper went out Sunday and repaired the wagon and brought in his load.



## LEGEND OF THE FRANK GROVES ESTATE

By Chris Hanson

*Note: Chris Hanson, 8th grade, Western View Junior High School, obtained the following material in interviews with Frank Groves.*

### FRED HORNING'S OREGON HOMESTEAD

Fred Horning was born in Germany in 1828. As a young boy, Fred took a sailing vessel to New York City. From New York, he proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, by ox team.

Fred lived and worked here for several years. When he had reached manhood, he met a young woman named Mary Johnson, and soon after, married her. Their family soon began to grow.

As time went on, Fred began to feel an urge to move west. Thus, in 1849, Fred, Mary, and their fast-growing family traveled over the rough Oregon Trail into Oregon by wagon train.

They settled near a small village which, in 1857, was to become the town of Corvallis. Fred laid out a homestead on his claim granted by the government. The total area of the claim was one-half-mile square. The boundaries extended on the east along 35th street from Philomath Road cross-roads to Harrison street, and on the west from one-half-mile west of the Philomath Road cross-roads to one-half-mile west of 35th street on Harrison street. The southern boundary reached one-half-mile west of the Philomath Road cross-roads along Philomath Road and West Hills Road, while

the northern boundary reached one-half-mile west of 35th St. along Harrison street.

In 1850, Fred built a small log cabin where the college pig barns presently stand. His family continued to grow until, in 1862, Fred was forced to build a larger house, this time southwest a quarter of a mile from the log cabin. This house still stands today, preserved almost as well as it was when Fred Horning and his family occupied it. It is now the second oldest house still standing in Corvallis.

Fred was a very successful farmer. He raised various grains, of which he emphasized wheat and oats. He always supplied his family with a large assortment of vegetables from his copious garden. As his eight boys grew up, Fred was relieved of many of the back-breaking tasks which he formerly was forced to perform alone.

In 1862 Fred turned his interests to a commercial venture. He went to work and built what is called a carding mill. His carding machine was powered by water led down from Oak Creek in a ditch, around the house, past the large mill wheel, and emptied into a branch of Oak Creek near the present location of 35th St. People from a 50-mile radius used the carding mill to roll their wool into mattresses and spin it into thread or yarn. In 1875 the carding mill was turned over to William Groves.



The Waterwheel of the Horning-Groves Carding Mill.

Photo courtesy of OSU Archives, Harriet Moore, Curator.

Fred Horning died in 1890, at the age of 62. The land was divided into plots of equal value among his eleven children. In 1910 much of this land was sold to Frank Groves, Fred Horning's grandson. All the other interest was eventually sold out to other buyers.

### WILLIAM GROVES AND HIS HOMESTEAD

William Groves came into the world in West Virginia in the

year 1832. The Groves family later moved to Ohio, where William obtained his education.

Upon hearing news of gold discovery in California, at the age of eighteen, William decided to seek his fortune mining in those gold fields. He ventured to New York City to charter a steamer, which took him to the Isthmus of Panama. He then made his way northwest, and arrived in San

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Francisco in 1850. For several years William sought a quick wealth in the gold-bearing California soil.

However, as time passed, William decided that he should settle down, and he left California in a wagon train bound for Oregon. He arrived in Corvallis, bought some property and, in 1858, completed a partially constructed house. This house still stands today, as the oldest existing house in Corvallis. It is occupied by Frank Groves (William's son) and is very well preserved.

Some time after his arrival in Corvallis, William met a young lady named Emma Horning (Fred's daughter). The two were married in 1862, and within a small time headed a fast-growing family.

During his first several years in Corvallis, William served as head of the city water works. However, in 1875, he resigned from this position to become operator of the Horning Carding Mill. In 1900, the carding mill went out of business as a result of competition with the large factories where wool products are ready-made.

William Groves died in 1901. His property and house were inherited by Frank Groves, his third child and only son.

#### FRANK GROVES PRESERVES THE ESTATE

Frank Groves was born in 1870 into the William Groves family, in Corvallis. He had his primary and secondary schooling in Corvallis. He entered Oregon Agricultural College, majoring in

mechanical engineering, and graduated in 1892.

In 1910 Frank purchased much of the Horning property from its inheritors. On a section of this land stood the Fred Horning house which Frank also bought. He now occupies this part of the year and often visits it for short periods of time. The southern boundary of the land on which this house stands extends from Philomath Road cross-roads west one-fourth mile, while the northern boundary extends west along the railroad from 35th St. one-half mile. The eastern boundary scends along 35th St. from the Philomath Road cross-roads to the railroad, while the western boundary follows a very vague, irregular line, somewhere between one-half and one-fourth miles west of 35th street. Northwest of this property and north of the railroad lies another forty acres of land.

Frank inherited his father's house and property upon William's death. This added to Frank's already large estate.

Altogether Frank Groves owns nearly one-hundred-fifty acres of land today. On thirty acres of this land lie rich fruit orchards. Five to ten acres of the land are covered with oak and ash trees.

Frank built a service station on his father's (formerly) property in 1925. He operated very successfully for the following twenty-five years. From then on, Frank mainly lived off his land.

Today he makes his living by loaning and leasing his land,

and by selling the fine fruit crop from his well-kept orchards. He takes pride in his very productive garden which he raises each year.

Frank is and has been for the past years an avid naturalist. He raises shrubs and flowers from all parts of Oregon around his two houses. He has made much of his property literally a bird sanctuary. Here birds can live and nest in mossy forest-like surroundings, free from the

threat of cat or dog.

Frank has never married, but does have a sweet lady-friend who spends much of her time with him.

He is a member of both the Benton County Pioneer-Historical Society and the Oregon State Historical Society. He has donated some of his estate to the Benton county society.

Frank is a very lively, youthful man of ninety-two. He has expressed no future plans for his estate upon his death. ●



This picture shows part of the inside of the Corvallis printing plant with editor Tom Wilson in restful attitude. This magazine is a one-man, spare-time enterprise. The man prepares the copy, photographs it, makes lithographic plates, prints the plates, folds, staples, and mails the finished magazine. About 1000

copies are usually printed.

Since changing the name from *Northwest Challenge* to *Corvallis*, we have gained many new subscribers locally, but about half of our total are in other states.

Copy for this issue was set up on our Varsityper. We plan to set the next issue on the Linotype, for better printing quality.



## FROM OUR READERS



Dear Mr. Wilson:

....You were good enough to send me a copy of *Corvallis* a few weeks ago. I took it home and read it thoroughly and thought it was excellent.

Walter Norblad  
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Wilson:

*Corvallis* is a gem!  
The picture of my first love-- (No. 1, page 7) I must have been eight or nine years old when Clyde Starr decided he liked me-- He made a ring out of a horseshoe nail and presented it to me along with a little wheelbarrow he had carved from a scrap of wood, adding a little iron wheel from a broken toy. And if that were not enough, he told me he had named his cat after me--Ida Waddler... That must have been a blow, for our courtship didn't flourish.

The Starr family lived in "slabtown" too, a block south of us on 2nd Street. My mother and Mrs. Starr were very good friends.

Ida Seggel  
Portland, Oregon

*Editor's Note: Mrs. Seggel is the daughter of Jack Strong, who took over the Max Friendly sawmill after it had gone bankrupt. It was located on north 2nd where the Riverview Motel is now.*

Dear Tom:

....I found your *Corvallis* very interesting. It would seem that you set the type, make the plates

and print and staple it all by yourself. I can well understand your desire to be your own boss, rather than work in some job in which you're not particularly interested, with a boss to tell you how to do it.

....We've just moved to a penthouse in Hove, which is part of Brighton, on the south coast, about an hour from London.

For the past 10 years or so we've lived in London, and before that in Paris. After the war we stayed in New York, not returning to our old love, San Francisco.

Writing and illustrating my own books has been my full time profession for a long time. I've just finished my 21st book, one for small boys called *WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SEA?* It will be published in London by Macmillan and in the U.S. by St. Martin's Press. I've just revised my *COMPOSITION IN PICTURES* for its 3rd edition. This book has become a standard text in more than 40 American universities....

I've often wondered if there are any of my books in the Corvallis Public Library.

I've free-lanced ever since I left *This Week* magazine in New York, in 1946. As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't matter where I write my books, as they are all now printed in England, and published in England, the U.S. and Canada all at the same time. But I do like living over here. It is much quieter, and it is very far from the "rat-race" of the New York advertising business.

Ray Bethers  
London, England

Dear Mr. Wilson:

....in looking over your magazine again, I noted that you are a grandson of B.W. Wilson, and that gave me a renewed interest in your publishing effort. I knew him as Bush Wilson and he was County Clerk for many years (32). I knew his son Off (J.O.) who married a daughter of John Smith, and Joe, your father, who used to visit my office (County Recorder) every morning in order to keep track of the record filings.

Sol King was Sheriff for many years at the time your grandfather was County Clerk... I was in school when John Fulton, who later became a member of the faculty, came in to register as a student. At that time he was a red-faced Scottish boy who could hardly be understood because of his native accent, and he later married Pun Avery's daughter, who is still living in Corvallis.

I could write many stories about the early days in Benton county, and one would be about the depression in the 1890's when even the county had no money and the banks would not cash its warrants. Wheat was 24 cents a bushel, oats 10 cents, fat hogs 1 1/2 cents a pound, and beef cattle about the same. Sheep were fifty cents per head, and a cord of wood was \$1.75. When McKinley was elected in the fall election of 1895, under the slogan of the *Full Dinner Pail*, the picture was changed almost over night. It was the free trade policy of the Democratic Party which got the

blame for the depression, and as soon as the Republicans took over and passed a high tariff law, conditions soon became normal.

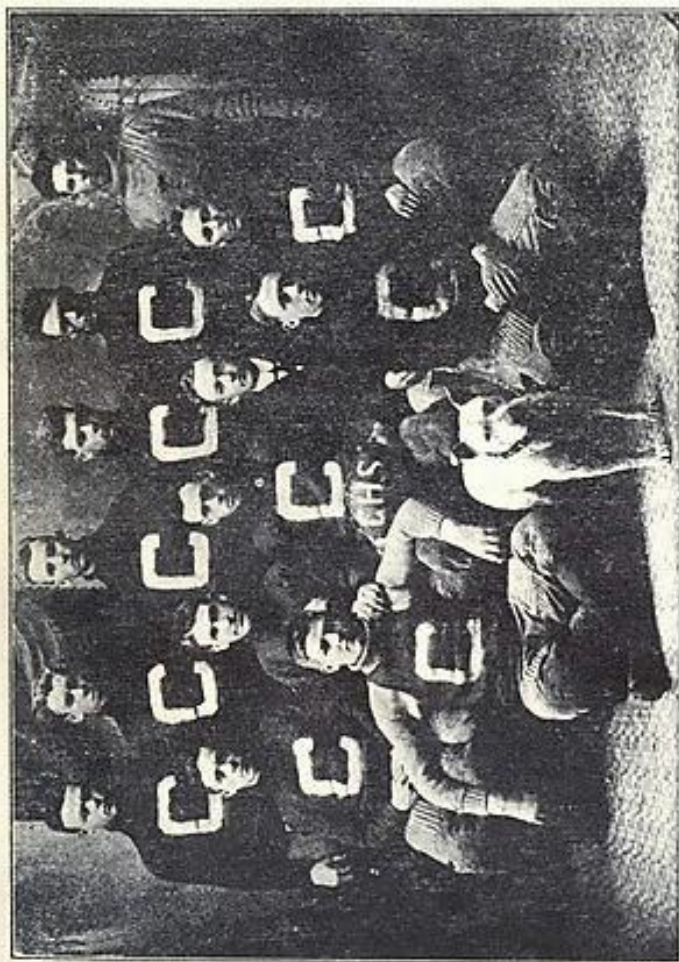
John A. Gellatly  
Wenatchee, Wn.



Sylvia Nelson

A new national literary quarterly, *Etchings--in Prose and Verse*, has been started by the DeSylv Publishers. The editors are Sylvia E. Nelson and Dee Burke Lopez. Address is Box 328, Gresham, Oregon, and subscription rate is \$2.50 per year. *Corvallis* is represented in the first issue by a sonnet by Tom Wilson, your editor. Sylvia Nelson has been a regular contributor of poems to *Corvallis* and our former magazine, *Northwest Challenge*.





A page from 1911 *Sparkler*, the first Corvallis high school annual.  
Courtesy of Mary Skelton.

C. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM

Harry Sprague, right half back; Ralph Fegley, quarter back; Ralph Moore, right end; Ralph Morgan, left end; John Wilson, right tackle; George Hotchkiss, left tackle; Everett Taylor, right guard; William Averill, left guard; Harold Mills, center; George Musgrave, William Johnston, substitutes. Guy Shaddock, coach. Ray Price, manager.

SOME BIBLE HISTORY

Compiled by John E. Smith

Jerome's Vulgate in Latin	400 A.D.	Jerome's Vulgate, in Latin.
"	1210-28	Bible divided into chapters by Stephen Langton.
"	1382	First Bible in English.
"	1438?	Printing, by movable type, invented.
"		Protestantism begins.
"	1517	Martin Luther, tacked 95 theses on the church door.
"	1535	Miles Coverdale. Bible first printed in English.
"	1551	New Testament divided into verses.
"	1555	Old Testament divided into verses.
Douai Bible	1610	Douai Bible was the Vulgate in English.
"	1611	King James' Bible.
"		Old Testament printed separately. Apocrypha also " " and omitted.
"	1809-28	New Testament printed separately.
"	1885	The Jefferson Bible.
"	1901	The Revised Version.
"		The American Standard Version (Thomas Nelson & Sons).
"	1918	An American Bible (by Elbert Hubbard).
"	1924-5	The Moffatt translation of the Bible.
"	1933	The Short Bible by Goodspeed and Smith.
Bible copyrighted	1941	
Douai Old Testament, New Testament, by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.		
Copyrighted again	1950	
	1961	The New English Bible New Testament.







O.A.C. COMMENCEMENT, 1893



O.A.C. Students and the Iron Lady, 1902 Class

## FROM THE EDITOR'S ALBUM



JAZZ BAND, 1927

Left to right:

Darrell Eberts, trombone. Played in theater orchestras in Portland. Now operates the pioneer family ranch at Beaver Creek.

Wyn Walker, trumpet, sax, piano. Played in big name bands back east. Was arranger for Wayne King, Chicago. Army band leader during World War II. Now lives at Willamette.

Harold Olsen, bass. Played in big name bands while doing graduate work at University of California. Now a C.P.A. in Corvallis.

Ted Wilson, drums. Deceased. Played in many dance bands in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Was artist and photographer. (Your editor's younger brother.)

Art LaValle, piano. Was also a theater organist. Was sergeant in Marine Corps at start of war.

Jesse Yeates, sax, violin. Deceased. Became Corvallis busi-

nessman and president of the Corvallis Country Club.

Tom Wilson, banjo, trombone. Began playing for dances about 1918. Now runs a pet shop and Corvallis.

John Whittemore, sax. Played in famous 7th Infantry band at Fort Lewis. Now lives at Newport.

During these years, Corvallis had two or three public dances every week. This orchestra played Saturday nights at Tumble Inn, near Albany, and/or at other public dances, or for college affairs. All of the members of the band also played in other local bands from time to time. Corvallis public dances ceased when prohibition was repealed, except for dances in connection with fraternal orders, and, after the war the trend was for dancing in night clubs, where only two to four musicians are used. This band was typical of the 1920's.





Jump Off Joe rock, near Nye Beach, Newport, about 1900. An Indian legend tells of a young brave who committed suicide by jumping from this rock into the sea, proving, according to Indian custom, that he had not told a lie. Photo courtesy of Buz Ingalls.



Main Street (now Bay Blvd.) Newport, in the early 1900's. Paved with wood planking, this was a busy and gay place on week-ends when excursion trains brought hundreds of parched vacationers from the valley towns to the coast. Photo courtesy of Buz Ingalls.

#### FOREHANDED

Brown was a prudent man. He thought,  
 "Come spring, I'll choose my burial plot.  
 And now, while still I am strong and well,  
 I'll use the appropriate time to tell  
 Each loyal friend the verity of  
 My gratitude and abiding love.  
 Some time next month, or earlier still,  
 I'll see my lawyer and make my will."

Brown died that night, unaware that fate  
 Has never learned to procrastinate.

Laurence Pratt, Portland, Oregon

#### MODERN ICARUS

Adventuring too far in space,  
 Icarus tried his wings one night:  
 Up there he frolicked in the moon's embrace,  
 And now he's just a satellite.

W. Arthur Boggs, Oswego, Oregon

#### MY SOUL REACHED OUT

My soul reached out  
     in endless search  
 And there, on edge  
     of loneliness,  
 It found another  
     --waiting, too--  
 Beloved, it found you.

Sylvia E. Nelson, Portland, Oregon



#### THESE HAVE I LOVED

The comforting sound of a swallow soothing its young at twilight.  
 The breathless anticipation of the earth awaiting the coming  
 storm and the gentle poignancy of the earth after the rain.  
 The intricate pattern of nature's naked tree against the hueless sky.

By Yvonne Noel Boulae, Aurora, Illinois