



Yamhill County Museum, 6th and Market Street, Lafayette, Oregon

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MEETINGS: First Tuesday of
each month

MUSEUM HOURS (summer) Wednes-
days thru Sundays, 1 - 4.

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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 7 o'clock p.m.
LOCATION: Methodist Church, 203 Nursery St., Amity
POTLUCK SUPPER Bring own table service
PROGRAM: Reminiscences by William (Bill) Perry,
retired county agent

MUSEUM NOTES: Many copies of railroads of early days have been made, and some of old business houses. . . I have been to Vancouver, Wa, where my granddaughter took me to their museum, a brick building formerly a library. They have been operating for 20 years. A toy display is in the making. . . A little at a time we are getting our last showcase filled. . . Our little house is rented at last to a couple, both employed. At this writing they have cleaned, preparatory to painting, in lieu of a cleaning deposit (\$30.) So things are looking up. . . We will need HELP to operate now that the Museum will be open Wednesdays through Sundays. I will have a calendar at the upcoming meeting, so please sign up if you can! Or call, anytime. . . The museum building (church) is in need of paint, which though expensive is needed to preserve the building. . . Remember we have many books for sale. Call for appointment any day, 472-7935.

Roma Sitton, Curator

Cost for needed windows (10) is \$22. per window. Directors have suggested they might be purchased through donations. Would you donate for one window?

We are happy to report that longtime and faithful museum volunteer, Marie Winters, is up and about again, following a period of confinement.

HISTORICAL NOTES: a continuation of "Pioneer Days" by W.L. Toney

(They had been in the canoe all night without food or rest, since leaving Fort George (Astoria), and Gov. Lane requested brandy, which was prohibited, but it was procured before breakfast.)

After refreshments they started for Oregon City, the seat of government, in order to be there before the 4th of March which was the next day, that he might take office before the president, who appointed him, retired.

I was an eye witness to this reception, being delayed waiting for the boat to come in order to take us to the mines in California.

The Portland Hotel was a two story frame building. The timbers were small fir trees hued to a square. It was ceiled on the inside with cedar boards that was split and shaved by hand. They were six feet long and six to eight inches wide. The roof was covered with hand-made cedar shingles. The floors were of lumber brought from Oregon City, there being a sawmill there and was brought down the river on rafts. At that time there were plenty of fir and cedar trees, that were four feet in diameter, standing on front street.

We returned from Cal. mines in three months. In taking my claim in 1848, I bought it from Mr. Graves, that is his squatters right, for a poney. It had a rail fence on it which constituted the improvements. I plowed and sowed a crop in the spring 1849 and left it for my brother-in-law to care for it. I returned in three months and helped harvest the crop.

In October went back to the mines again in company with Dan Barnes who was a cousin of mine and Tom Ramy. We again made a failure in mining as Tom Ramy (took) sick of fever. Dan Barnes took care of Ramy while I herded horses for my board and the privilege of keeping our horses in the herd, as there was danger of the Mexicans stealing them.

We were gone 9 months but mined very little and made very little more than expenses.

Ruth Stoller. Historian