



Yamhill County Museum, 5th and Market Street, Lafayette, Oregon

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MUSEUM HOURS: Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 o'clock
(except by appointment)

DECEMBER

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

1986

MEETING: Tuesday, December 9, Christian Church, 5th & Church Sts, Dayton
 POT LUCK SUPPER: 7 o'clock. Bring own table service. Visitors welcome.
 PROGRAM: Attorney Carl Francis will speak on the history of Dayton, specifically with regard to the National Registry Project involving that community. . . Officers for the new year will be elected. The nominating committee reports that Gene Irwin is nominee for president, and all other officers are up for re-election.

MUSEUM NOTES by Roma Sitton

Thanks to G. Irvin, E. Roghair, and J. Vincent for answering my appeal to straighten up the Museum's tool building. It is quite presentable now. . . These dark days don't bring much company to the museum. Our electric bill will be climbing from now on, as things feel damp. When drawers stick you know it is damp! When the snow comes, I think I'll close the museum for the duration of the storm. I don't drive when roads are slick. . . The little house is now rented to an adult couple. . . Call for appointment if you cannot come on weekend.

HISTORICAL NOTES by Ruth Stoller

For a short time in 1886 McMinnville had two daily newspapers. Both of them were four page publications--one was THE DAILY CAMPAIGN and the other THE DAILY REPORTER. As I recall, their main purpose was political--it was an election year. The DAILY REPORTER outlasted the CAMPAIGN by several months. The McMinnville Public Library has microfilm of both newspapers. It must have taken a lot of field work to fill up the paper each day, but it also means that the paper contained a lot of local items of real interest to us a hundred years later.

The December 30, 1886 issue of the Daily Reporter had an article headed "Near McMinnville" that named several places of interest, one as far away as Buell in Polk County. The first to be mentioned in the article was the Cornucopia Flouring Mill six miles up Baker Creek. Jacob Hawn was in the process of building this mill in 1860 when he died suddenly, at the mill, of a heart attack. The mill stood unfinished for several years, until Christopher Newby, an Englishman, got it into production about 1870. He was still running the mill ten years later. Soon after 1880 he sold out and the mill went through a succession of owners. An advertisement in the September 1, 1888 issue of the WEST-SIDE TELEPHONE, published in McMinnville, calls it the Happy Valley Mill with F.H. Knuffel as the miller-owner. The last to own the mill was the Grenfell family. Our member, Bertie Grenfell, has a picture of the mill as it looked sometime after it had been abandoned. The picture shows the big over-shot water wheel which furnished the power for grinding the flour.

NEAR McMINNVILLE

Cornucopia Flouring Mills are in what is called Happy Valley on Baker Creek six miles west of McMinnville.

Three miles further up the same creek is Noah, Bingham, and Hemstock's steam lumber mills.

One mile still further up Baker Creek is Louis Miller's lumber mill.

On Panther Creek Mr. Bailey has a saw mill, about ten miles northwest of McMinnville.

Panther Creek mill, late Morris's sawmill is about two miles still further up this creek.

On Deer Creek, about fifteen miles west of McMinnville, is what is known as Stow's lumber mill.

Jones & Company, proprietors of the Nestucca sawmill on the Nestucca river, 18 miles northwest of McMinnville, just over the divide but said to be in this county. This river is 35 miles long, flows through Tillamook County and empties into the Pacific Ocean.

Buell Chapel, a Methodist Church, is on Mill Creek about six miles southwest of Sheridan.

Pleasant Hill M.E. Church is about four miles south of Sheridan.

Broadmead, about eight miles northeast of Sheridan on the WVRR, is the great farm of Ladd & Reed, the wealthy capitalists of Portland. It is at the main junction of the main track with the Smithfield and Perrydale branch of the same road. The farm is perfectly level and occupies the best portion of the rich valley. It is three thousand acres in area and is a magnificently kept farm. All the fences and appurtenances are in splendid order.