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 NEWSLETTER

MEETING Tuesday evening, September 14, at the American Legion Hall,
 125 N. Bridge St., Sheridan
 POT LUCK 6:30 p.m. Bring own table service.
 PROGRAM "Meet Phil Sheridan," presented by Cari Papen and Virginia
 Carlson, and "Phil Sheridan" himself! Do come and enjoy, and
 bring a guest!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We have been getting good attendance at the Museum by various groups-
 St. James; a Japanese group; an RV group; ex-students of Lafayette School
 which numbered at least 60 persons. . . Re: the Log Cabin project: at this
 writing it is at a standstill as the contractor has had trouble getting
 pine logs to build it and probably will have to go to the more expensive
 fir logs, when they can find enough. Keep your wits about you and watch
 the "News-Register" for news of groundbreaking for the cabin.

THANKS TO ALL who have been giving time on behalf of the Museum, and
 to Mike Boundy who has made the new address labels for our mailing list;
 to Mike Piefer of Hillsboro who has fixed the Museum's copier at no charge,
 and to Erle Parker who has mowed the weeds on the grounds occasionally the
 past few years at no charge. Conversely, we have received a big thanks
 from the Yamhill County Oregon Trail committee for lending artifacts from
 the Museum to display on the covered wagon this summer -- 7,974 school
 children and many visitors to community events viewed these pieces.

We welcome to this community Ralph Macy, who has made the move to
 McMinnville from Portland. . . Our sympathy is extended to the families
 of Ron Eborall, and Harold G. Smith on these recent deaths. Perhaps
 there are others of whom we are not aware.

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DUES for 1994 remain at \$7.50 per individual. The Society appreciates
 the donations and memorials it receives.

Winter hours at the Museum begin after Labor Day: Saturdays and Sundays
 except by special appointment.

COMING IN OCTOBER: a lecture on "Treasures from the Trunk."

FOOTBALL--1904

The following is taken from the diary of Genie Snelling who was going to college at Monmouth in 1904. The Snelling family was originally from Yamhill County but several of the boys had settled in Lake County. Among these boys was Genie's father. Her mother had moved temporarily to Monmouth so that Genie and her sister could go to school. The original of this diary is in the Schminck Memorial Museum at Lakeview, Oregon, and we thank them for allowing us to use this excerpt from it.

Oct. 22, Saturday, 1904

We left Monmouth for McMinnville at twelve o'clock and of all the noise we didn't make. There was thirteen girls and nearly twenty boys. We had a special motor so we had the car all to ourselves.

When we got there all the boys got off up to the school, while the girls got off down town, and after parading around town awhile and going up to the courthouse and through the jail, we went down to the college, which is about a mile from the town. There we met some of the college girls, who treated us very nice.

The game was perfectly brutal, some one got knocked senseless at nearly every play; Harry Stine got his ankle sprained, Charley Murphy got his wrist broken and Fred Crowley got hurt pretty bad, and the worst of it was the boys were beat twelve to nothing. I saw Lottie Pengry while there.

After the game when the boys were dressed we went to the hotel and had supper, and a very poor one, too, the meat was so tough you could hardly cut it at all.

The boys acted pretty bad, too. Babe grafted some pictures, and an electric light globe, and Charley grafted a tooth-pick holder.

After supper Babe and I went walking until time to go to a reception that the students gave us, and had quite a nice time. When we went down to the motor to leave, all the students went down with us, and all of us gave the college yells, and sang until we were hoarse. I was pretty sleepy coming home.

(The "special motor" is puzzling. Monmouth had a railroad at this time so it may be referring to a special engine. The use of the word "grafted" in connection with the boys taking the things from the hotel is O.K. One of the meanings of the word graft is to gain anything by dishonest or questionable means.)

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