



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

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MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of
each month

MUSEUM HOURS Saturday & Sunday,
1 - 4 o'clock.

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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

1985

MEETING DATE Tuesday, October 8, 7 o'clock p.m.
POTLUCK SUPPER Bring own table service. And guests!
LOCATION & PROGRAM American Legion Hall, Sheridan. Following supper
there, the program on Old-Timers, presented by Barbara Knudson,
will follow at the Library, a short walking distance from the Hall.

Note the Museum fall & winter hours are weekends only, except on call
to Mrs. Sitton, phone 472-7935.

Last month's picnic was rained out, and it is hoped that this was not
a great inconvenience to anyone.

MUSEUM Notes: The Museum has had many visitors, some new in Lafayette
who have found us, and a visit from the mayor. . . Ruth Stoller and I
were invited to show articles and talk to a group at the B.P.O.E. Lodge
Park. They also visited the Museum as guests of Mr. & Mrs. Don Bean.
. . . A Linfield College student is doing an article on musical bands
in the county (each town once had a band), and he is having copies made
of our photos. . . We have a new supply of donation land claim maps,
and also copies of Walker's A Slice of Country Life. . . A Mrs. Miller
who was the mother of the Miller Brothers who owned the Riverside Farm
was the first woman buried in the new Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in
1924. The Miller farm grew mellons and marketed them at the coast,
among other places. Marietta and Pearl Miller are the daughters-in-law
of this Mrs. Miller.

Our building needs paint. This would require getting
bids. Men are needed to get on this job! Also, the barn needs clean-
ing and rearranging. Who can help with this? The large spinning wheel
donated by John Waugaman, from the Shuck farm of Yamhill, needs to be
placed in a better location.

Call me anytime for dates to open the museum on special
hours.

Roma Sitton

PIONEER DAYS by W.L. Toney

(This is an excerpt from Toney's little notebook written in his own hand.)
"The Cause of the Cyuse War and the History of Cyuse Indians as given by W.L. Toney"

These Indians lived on the Mollala River in the Willamett valey. They went to California and stole a number of horses which they called Cyuses, and came back and went to Umatilla to live. (Ed. note: The original Mollala Indians of the Willamette Valley and the Cayuse Indians of northeastern Oregon were of the same tribe.) One of their old chiefs had a great many spotted horses or poneys so he was given the name of Spotted Horse. These Indians are the tribe that killed those at the Whitman Mission. Because of the number of horses they had they were called "The Cyuse Indians". The Whitman Massacre was in the fall of 1847. The first call for voluntiers was in December of 1847.

Colonel Gillem raised a Regiment of Volentiers and pursued the Indians, overtaking them on the Twocannon where they had a battle. The Indians were so strong in numbers the Whites had to retreat, for they soon ran out of ammunition. The Indians had British Muskets but did not know how to use them. Being scarce of ammunition would use very little powder so did not shoot any distance and would often over shoot.

They fought on the retreat all night and when they reached the Tooche they had the severest battle in crossing that stream. After crossing they went to the Whitman Mission. In this retreat there was only one man killed in the white forces. They did not know how many Indians were killed. There were only two found dead. The man the Whites lost was shot by an Indian that had been wounded and was lying on the ground as if dead. As the white man rushed pass him in retreating the Indian rose up and shot him. Another white man rushed upon the Indian and struck him with a sword and killed him. Several of the Whites were wounded and one by the name of Peter Inyard was woulnDED in the ankel in the battle on the Tooche.

Colonel Gillem was made Comander in Chief. But after this Colonel Gillem and another man started for Willamett Valey for requits(?). Of the road his companion went to take a rope out of the wagon and it caught on the hammer of a gun causing it to discharge, killing Colonel Gillem as he stood at the back of the wagon. He was brought to Corvalis and burried.

General Palmer and two other men were sent to make a treaty with the Indians. Then Governer Aberaathy made the second call for troops.

Ruth Stoller