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

FEBRUARY

## YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

1988

MEETING: Tuesday, February 9, Community Christian Church, 2831 N. Newby, McMinnville.

POT LUCK DINNER will be at 12:30. Note time change is a half hour later than usual, to avoid conflict with another meeting in the same location, prior to ours.

PROGRAM: Mike Mullen, McMinnville's city planner will give a program on Historical Towns of Oregon and Northern California.

Are your DUES paid? Please send them soon to the Financial Secretary, Evelyn Nieman, 1501 Baker, Sp. 49, McMinnville. Dues are as follows:

Seniors (over 55)	Yearly	\$ 8.00
Other Individuals		7.50
Family		15.00
Life Membership		100.00

The membership is being brought up-to-date. If you are delinquent with your dues, please send them at once. This is very important so please see that your address is correct, and dues paid by the time the next Newsletter is to be made up.

### MUSEUM NOTES by Roma Sitton.

We have a new book on Rail Roads of the Valley, done and donated by Mr. Austin of Salem. Two years ago he copied old maps that showed the narrow gage route as well as late models. A beautiful book! . . . Our new 2 drawer file cabinet fits nicely into its corner. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dyer for this donation. As we go into this new year there is much work to be done, and help is needed to keep everything in shape and progressing. Mr. Stoller and I cleaned windows that were torn. We will need a cleanup crew taking the plaster that exploded into shrubs and can only be picked<sup>up</sup> by vacuum --- a general house cleaning. Also the Tool and Farm articles need attention. . . The Museum has received collections from the Lizzie Perkins estate, and also a donation in her memory. I have some work on accession papers. . . Am only there on Saturdays at present and things are pretty quiet right now. For appointment call me at 472-7935.

Did you see the feature article on Roma's newspapers, memories in the "News-Register," December 25, 1987. The article and accompanying picture, by Elaine Rhose is very good!

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A TRIP TO TILLAMOOK

(continued from last news letter. This account was written in September of 1856 for the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, a Pacific Northwest Methodist newspaper.)

We started from the agency (Grand Ronde) in the afternoon, went into the mountains about ten miles and camped. The next day we passed the summit and camped at "Buch-er Knife Camp" and on the evening of the third day arrived at South Prairie. About two thirds of the way the timber has been burned and lies over the mountains in heaps. Much, however, remains standing. The trail, of course, had to be cut through this fallen timber and is, consequently, not straight. In some places it is so crooked that it is necessary to go three miles to get ahead one. There are many small logs easily passed over and but few where it is necessary for a horse to jump. There are but few bad places, and not many high hills to climb. The latter part of the trail is through rich bottom covered with a thick undergrowth.

The next day we proceeded down to Oquarton prairie, the most extensive prairie near the bay. . . . .

On returning we crossed the mountains in about one day and two-thirds without any accident to our party. The last day the party traveled about 35 miles over a mountain road.

I regret that I had not time to visit all the Indian tribes located at the Reservation. There were but few Indians near the agency and these were the Rogue River who have caused so much trouble during the past year. Lympa was the only chief I saw. He is a fine looking Indian. Old John was at the mouth of the Salmon River fishing. The schools appear to flourish. Many of the children take a decided interest and are trying to get an education. I was informed that many of them would learn to pronounce words as soon and as correctly as white children. I can see no reason why these Indians cannot be benefitted if they can be kept on the Reserve and out of the reach of bad men and whiskey.

Researched by Ruth Stoller