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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Date: Tuesday March 12, 1985 12:00 Noon
Location: Lafayette Youth and Sr. Activities Center, Lafayette, Oregon
Potluck: Bring your own service

Museum News

We enjoyed the new meeting place in Dayton, at the Christian Church Fellowship Hall. It was large, new and off the street, so no steps. Mr. Francis gave a very good talk on several people who had been in the area long ago. We received a box of old photos, letters, and school report cards.

Juanita Axtell came to type the accession papers. Now we are up to date. These papers have to be filed and a copy sent to each donor, which now is 681.

Several people the past few days have asked to copy our old photos of McMinnville. One person is writing a history on the route to Tillamook from Yamhill and is copying our photo of the stage-coach. I hope he gives us a copy.

The museum is open weekends from 1:00 to 4:00. Call for appointments anytime 472-7935.

ROMA SITTON

history notes
(continutaion of the A.R. Burbank diaries)

FEBRUARY 7, 1861. I returned home this evening from the Territorial Assembly after an absence of 60 days, save a visit home in the Holidays. Mrs. Burbank gave birth to a daughter on the 22nd of January, which was 15 days old at my return. With the consent of Mrs. Burbank named her Evalina Lousia Burbank--we call her Eva.

APRIL 18, 1867. Have sold this day my Hotel property in Monticello.

LAFAYETTE, OREGON, AUGUST 9, 1867. We have just arrived here. We left Monticello, N.T., August 7 and moved here to stop awhile. I have been a partner since 1864 in the firm of Eckles & Burbank, general merc handise. I moved here in order to see to the business of the firm which greatly required reconstructing.

AUGUST 26, 1867. I have purchased the interest of Mr. Eckles and conduct it in my name. We keep house in the Lebold dwelling. We rent.

DECEMBER 25, 1872. Still in Lafayette merchandising. In June 1872 I was elected to one of two representatives to the Oregon Legislature. Mr. T.R. Harrison and myself to the House, J.W. Cowles to the Senate. Session held 45 days and was one of interest.

DECEMBER 25, 1873. Still in Lafayette and still in mercantile business. On 3rd of August I purchased a farm of 258 acres costing \$4284.00, known as the Stewart farm situated on the Sheridan Road 6 miles from McMinnville which farm I still own.

LAFAYETTE, OREGON, DECEMBER 25, 1874. I have had some of my land here east of the town cleared up and have built quite a good dwelling house thereon. Expect to move by spring.

DECEMBER 25, 1875. I moved into my new dwelling on 23rd of June 1875. Find it a good and comfortable residence. I live east of the town plat--some two or three hundred yards and on the road running east. I call the road or street East Street. So I reside on East Street near the town of Lafayette.

APRIL 10, 1875. I purchased the stock of goods of Ferguson & Bird and moved the goods into my store.

DECEMBER 31, 1877. Rain storms came on August 17 and September 1, greatly damaging grain crops. Rain continued all of October, November and all of December. Wettest for 3 falls.

EAST STREET HOME, JANUARY 24, 1878. Winter rainy, too wet for farming. So far no snow.

APRIL 7, 1878. I received one of Daniel Beatty's pianos which was purchased in February at \$260.00 and freight and insurance was \$98.59, making the total cost here \$358.59.

The former price here was before reduction \$900.00, hence a cheap and good piano forte.

AUGUST 25, 1878. Summer dry, grain crops short, price of wheat 75-80 cents.

NOVEMBER 29, 1878. After October 20 the fall weather mostly good. Very large fall crop of wheat has been sown, larger than ever before.

JUNE 1, 1879. December and January mostly dry and frosty, no snow. February some light snow and rain. April and May very wet. Too wet for sowing. Gardens not all in. Times hard, money scarcer than ever known.

AUGUST 17, 1879. Wheat harvest in full run. Winter wheat good and largest crop yet. Spring wheat damaged some by rust, which is unprecedented in Oregon. In the upper valley counties, rust destroyed nearly all spring grain.

(Volume I of the diaries ends here. The piano mentioned above is the big square piano that we have in our Museum.)

Ruth Stoller