



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

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

APRIL

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

1987

MEETING: Tuesday EVENING, April 14, at the American Legion Hall, Sheridan.

POT LUCK SUPPER at 7 o'clock. Bring own table service. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM: George Robertson, publisher of the "Sheridan Sun" will give a history of the town of Sheridan and his community newspaper.

The Board of Directors of the Historical Society met, and has proposed the following update in dues:

Seniors (over 55 years)	yearly dues	\$	5.00
Other individuals	"		7.50
Family	"		15.00
Life membership			100.00

The above will be voted on at the upcoming meeting.

Womens Fair Booth in Newberg

A lot of interest was generated by our booth, with many people picking up our museum brochure. A special thanks to Elma Shuck for the many hours she spent at the booth. Gene.

MUSEUM NOTES by Roma Sitton

We have had visitors at the Museum from Newport and Alaska, and men from Washington state who are remodeling the old school house here in Lafayette. The new roof shows all around! The back room of the Museum will be reroofed this spring by a Mr. Washington, who helped Mr. Stoller patch a leak this winter. . . I have sold two old showcases from Broadmead Farms, to a business in Newberg who will also take two church pews that are stored in my barn. . . Some young ladies from Linfield will help clean the yard. . . Board meeting came up with new ideas and a proposal to increase dues to be more in line with neighboring societies, which is long overdue. Newsletter has more than doubled in price with postage increases and more coming. I have gone over the constitution and revised bylaws of 1980, and made copies. Have you seen our display in the court house? Its well done in a beautiful case. . . What are your thoughts about a cook book? Newsports, recently published, is doing well. Call for appointment, any time. 472-7935.

Following is the conclusion of a letter in last Month's issue, to J.A.Richardson, shortly before moving to Oregon in December 1904.

A good team ought to farm that size of farm if you get here early. I use a 16 in. walking plow and 3 horses. They use all kind of plowshares. The disc gang is the go now mostly as they can dry plow with it. All land plowed for spring crop. Summer fallow always put in in fall. Seed oats worth 50 to 55 cts per bu., wheat about 90 cts, crushed barley for feed \$25 per ton. Hay \$12 to 14. per ton. Cattle, cheap, hogs 5 cts, sheep 3 cts, eggs 32 cts, potatoes 50 to 75 cts. If you intend to come west this spring believe it would pay you to come soon before snows begin to melt and washouts etc. All the desirable farms are picked up by Oct. 1st. I didn't ask any questions about this farm, Derby & Wilson are about as reliable realstate men as in Salem, not even what they wanted rent for it, as supposed it would be grain rent. The price is probably high or some one has throwed place up or else it would have been rented before this. Then some times the owner does not rent hoping to sell and later sees cannot sell then wants to rent. This maybe the case with this land. I don't know any thing about the land as haven't seen it.

If you rent this spring and at price of grain, hay & everything and raise your rent, living, and feed and seed for another year from your crop think you will do well. Of course, this depends some what on the season. The quicker you get here the earlier (generally early sowing best) you get your crop in and will then have more time to work at teaming if you desired to do so. There is allways lots to do. Hop men paid as high as \$4.00 per day for man and team to plow hops last spring. Wood haulers make good wages. Gravel haulers get from \$3.00 to 4.00 per day. So you see you will not have to depend entirely on your crop.

We have had fine weather this month, it drizzled rain some today but not enough to wet one. Yesterday was a clear, bright, sunshine day all day. We have only had a few frosts yet. The ground never froze enough to stop work in the field.

The hill farmer had the advantage over the low land farmer for he can plow and sow as soon as it quits raining for a day. So you see it would be an advantage to you to get a hill farm coming at this late time of season. That is could get in more acres of land.

The farm west of me was sold since wrote you to a dutchman from Lincoln Co., Nebr. He is looking for a neighbor of his from some place to buy mine. I wouldn't care to sell if wife liked it here. Then have more land than one can do justice to and make it pay what it ought. Had an offer from Chas Parr to trade but haven't answered him yet. Will consider his offer soon. Am afraid his land is pretty sandy. There is lots of good land on my place that needs the stumps pulled. Then it is as good as the best for any kind of crop, hops, cherries, berries, prunes, or grain or timothy hay. Too much work for one man and it will be several years yet before my lads will be much help.

Must close. Will write you if get time to see the land.

Yours,

R.W. Hogg