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WELCOME BACK from the summer holiday, sunny days and warm nights, vacation travels and out of town company. We hope everyone got in a lot of restful, lazy days, did some research that was more than a little successful, and are back with a lot of energy to kick off the "back to meetings schedule".

COMING EVENTS

- October 29 - A research Seminar with ARTHUR FISKE - professional genealogist, lecturer, instructor, and consultant from the Seattle area. Topics as given in June news, time- 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; fee- \$12.50 (register by Oct 15, \$15.00 late registration; location: Wesley United Methodist church, 1385 Oakway Road, Eugene.
- October 8 Next meeting of our Society. In the morning of that day there will be a discussion group gather to share interests, information, and source materials on the States of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Maine. This will be unstructured and easy going. If you have interests in these states, come join us around 11 a.m. In November- the interests will center on Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Delaware. Members are encouraged to bring books from their personal libraries for sharing as we have done in the past. The rest of the schedule is: Dec- NY, NJ, MD, DC Jan - PA, OH Feb OR, WA, ID, MT Mar- VA, WVA Apr NC, KY, TN May - IL, MI, WI June IN, IA The rest of the states will be on the list for next year or sooner if there is a big hue and cry.
- October 15 Genealogical Council of Oregon meets 10 a.m. at State Library. Dick Milligan was elected president at the May meeting. Place to be announced.
- Sept 13 Inventory of our library books will be made. Volunteers are needed - from 9 a.m. - until finished. If you can help- tell Charlotte Marshall, librarian.

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We have recieved a donation of a book on Corvallis High Schools reunion of the class of 1938- 1988. Thanks to Mabelle for helping with the research and making this gift a reality.

Happy Birthday to Lee Rudisill who celebrated her day on Sept.7- and happy birthday to all others who have one this month.

Thanks to our President, Lee, who donated a microfiche reader to the society. It will be available for check out.

We made a book exchange with Dick Milligan-trading a copy of our Benton Co. 1910 census for his Vol 3-Pioneer Stories of Linn Co; Vol 9 & 10 - "Linn County Donation Land Claim Families Through 1855"

Have you seen the new family group sheets put out by Everton? They provide space for 15 children plus space for sources of information (sheets are printed both sides).

CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY - Damaris submitted this epitaph...

"Sacred to the memory of Miss Mary Fowler daughter of Wm & Eunice Fowler, who died Feb 1, 1792 in the 24th year of her age. Molly, though pleasant in her day, was suddenly seized and sent away. How soon she's ripe, how soon she's rotten, gone to her grave and soon forgotten."

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BENTON COUNTY PIONEERS (copied from Fagans Hist of Benton Co, 1885) continued from June issue

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BALDWIN, Hon Wallace--was born in Portage county, Ohio, 20 May 1845, where he received a common school education, and afterward attended for one year a college in Lake county. In August 1862, then in his 18th year, he enlisted in Company D 103d Ohio Infantry, and served with that regiment until January 6, 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. In May 1864, he again answered to the call, this time enlisting in Company H 150th Ohio Volunteers, for 4 months. On the expiration of his time he again returned to his home and entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in Cleveland. On the completion of his studies he followed different occupations until February 1, 1866, when he came via Panama to Oregon and direct to Corvallis, where he found employment in the general store of Watters & Clark. July 6, 1868, Mr Baldwin was appointed Postmaster of Corvallis, a position he held for 2 1/2 years, in connection with which he kept a general store. Mr Baldwin has ever since been engaged in the mercantile business, and in 1877 formed a partnership with Mr. M. S. WOODCOCK, under the firm name of Woodcock & Baldwin, which is now the leading firm in the hardware line in Benton County. Mr Baldwin held the office of County Treasurer for 2 years and Mayor of Corvallis one year, and January 24, 1883, was appointed State Fish Commissioner, an office he now holds. He was married in 1868 to Miss Adelaide G BROWNSON, by this union they have 4 living children and 1 deceased, viz: Carrie A., Cora G., Lester A, Arthur J(deceased), and Charles B. (4)

BALL, James W.--was born in Polk county, Missouri, 18 May 1841. In 1851 he, with his parents, crossed the plains to California, where Mr. Ball followed mining, and afterwards learned the blacksmith's trade at Santa Rosa, where he lived until 1867, when he came to Oregon, first taking up his residence and opening a blacksmith shop in Eugene City, where he remained for 10 years. In 1880 he came to Newport, Benton county, and opened up his present popular resort. Mr BALL is also Deputy Sheriff of Benton county. He was married 1 August 1866 to Miss Nancy KELLEY, and by this union they have 2 daughters, viz: May f, now Mrs. S. G. IRVINE, and Mary. (4)

BARBER, Newton R.--was born in Orleans county, New York, 18 July 1835. Four years later his parents moved to Michigan, where a short time after Mr Barber suffered the irreparable loss of both his father & mother. In 1852, then in his seventeenth year, he set out to cross the plains to California, and lived in the Golden State until 1864, when he came to Oregon, coming direct to Corvallis where he engaged at his trade of carpenter, until 1876, when he received the appointment of Postmaster of the city of Corvallis, a position he still holds. (4)