

Wright; Drugs S. C. Stone, M.D.

General Merchandise, Will and Yates; Blacksmithy and Wagon making,
Berry Campbell and McEachery; Meats, Milton Market, A. Rouanzoin.

It is notable that most of the Milton ads appeared on the front page and that about half of the issue was made up of “patented” material. The 75th year of publication is now in progress. The Freewater Times was started in August 1890. The two papers were combined later and now are published as the Valley Herald.

Early History of the Milton-Freewater Area

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RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS

Rode Edwards recalls riding lumber down O. I. Company flume on lumber and cord wood with Joe Dykes, Det Harris, Rude Edwards, Bill Patterson, Bill Wormington and other young sprouts of the village.

Helping Sam Coe cut wheat with a header when, if a chain threw a link, they would have to stop operation and look for it in the dust. There was no extra.

Being one of the dancers in various places in the valley, up the North Fork, the South Fork, Bowlus Canyon, McCoy Hall, Behnke Hall and above Garred's Saloon.

Catching Chinook salmon, by riding up and down the river on horseback and hooking the fish from the river.

Prairie chickens by the thousands in the cottonwood trees in wintertime. Very few deer, no elk. Plenty of grouse. Hunting with a double barrel breech-loading 12 gauge shotgun.

Names Linger

Many of the pioneer settlers, some of them not otherwise mentioned here, have left their names attached to something. For example:

Ingle Chapel, Ballou Road, McCoy Bridge, Pepper's Crossing, Ireland's Addition, Crockett Road (relative of David Crockett), Blalock Mountain, Joe West Bridge, Bowlus Hill and McIntyre Point.

Other Early Settlers

There were a few early settlers about whom there is little available record.

In 1860 U. Garred settled on the Walla Walla River about 5 miles above Milton. Garred's later became a part of the business community of Milton.

In the same year, 1860, S. P. Whitely settled on the river 3 miles below Garred. It is said that the Whitely home was the first house in the valley to be painted.

Another settler was a man by the name of Boise who built a cabin near where the Ferndale School stands. Little is known about him except that he was a one-eyed bachelor, indifferent to personal sanitation.