



### CHRISTMAS 1870

*Compiled by Edith Jones. Year unknown.*

*“Walter Sutton, reminiscing about his first Christmas in Curry County in 1870, set the stage by emphasizing the great storm which raged all day and night. Anyone who has experienced our sou’wester gales in December will remember similar ones. In 1870 there were no roads, no bridges and no telephones, but people could still find amusements and have a good time.*

*An announcement was made of a dance to be held at a ranch house one mile north of the mouth of the Rogue River, (the Bailey Ranch), and eight young men of Ellensburg decided to attend. At the time the river channel was deep along the Ellensburg frontage, and quite a large island of gravel lay about 100 yards offshore.*

*The young men boarded a large boat which was propelled by sculling and made a start in a sixty or seventy mile per hour gale and pouring rain. First they ran onto the island beach, but backed off easily, then ran hard aground on a submerged bar extending down from the island. “ All hands overboard “ was the order, but Sutton remained on board and directed the rescue operation. After some fifteen*

*minutes of pulling and hauling, the boat was afloat. The men had not to wade much deeper than their suspender buttons.*

*All went well for a half hour or more, as the steering was by dead reckoning. Then they found themselves tangled up in a big drift of trees and logs. After careful investigation, the drift was discovered to be hung up on what is now known to be Doyle Rock. All*



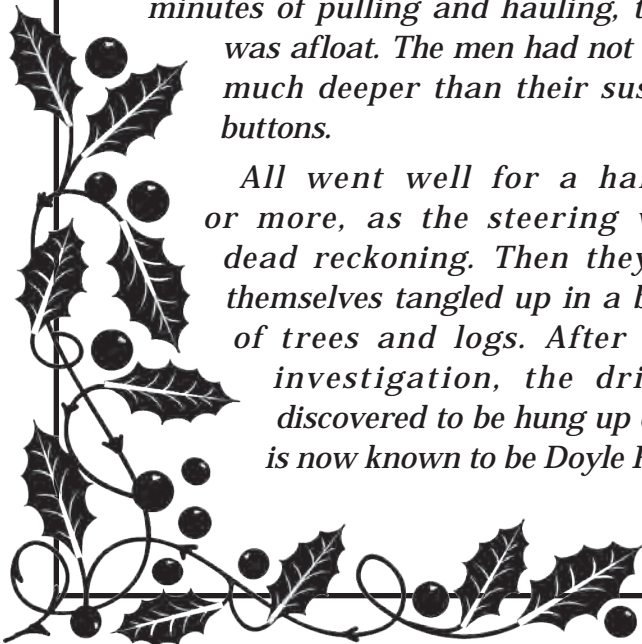
*disembarked and started picking their way across the pile of drift in the dark windy rain. Sutton, being unfamiliar with the treachery of drift logs, made a jump for a log and found himself up to his neck in the river. Water flew every which way as he scrambled out.*

*They wandered around in the dark and found the trail leading to the ranch. Then they lost it and became scattered in every direction, they kept in touch by calling to one another as they waded through the dense huckleberry and azalea brush. Eventually someone discovered a light ahead and soon they reached their destination.*

*A jolly crowd had gathered. After the young men had removed their boots, wrung out their socks, and dried out somewhat at the kitchen stove, it was on with the dance.*

*The dance went on merrily throughout the night with a break to enjoy the excellent supper served at midnight. The living room in which the dance was held was eighteen by twenty feet...*

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

January 17  
February 21  
March 21

**I**t is the mission of the Curry Historical Society to encourage and promote the study and understanding of the history, primarily of Curry County, but also the impact of neighboring counties and the State of Oregon as they relate to Curry County.

*To accomplish this mission, the Curry Historical Society shall collect, preserve, exhibit, present public historical informational meetings, publish and make available materials of historical interest, and cooperate with other groups and individuals with similar aims.*

***Our primary focus is The Children of the County and bringing alive for them the History of Curry County.***

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

10 November 2022

Dear Curry Historical Society Members,

The Museum Board would like to personally thank each of you who sent in those generous donations this Fall, including the Crook Family, the Schroeder Family, the Sanders Family and the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce. Your continuing support helps our volunteers keep the lights on and succeed in preserving the history of Curry County. If you have sent in cash or check donation and have not received your non-profit tax receipt, please contact us at the Museum so we can get that out to you right away.

Just a reminder for members and advertisers, annual dues will be due on the 1st of January 2023.

A new project planned at your museum this Winter is adding a new Mary D. Hume bell display in the main building. Both bells have been refurbished and we are looking forward to adding them to the wheel display. Several other displays will be refreshed during our winter closure in December and January, while we move things around.

Check out our Facebook page for recent updates and upcoming events.

Our annual Fall Relic Sale was a smashing success on a Saturday in October and with the many donations we received the museum raised over \$1000! Thank you to all the volunteers that spent days cleaning the annex and setting up the sales area, without your efforts and the donation of your time, these kinds of events would not successfully generate revenue to support the Museum.

Be sure to come by our Holiday Bazaar table at the Curry Event Center on November 18th and 19th and buy a \$1 ticket for our Case of Tuna Raffle, purchase homemade baked goods and purchase copies of your favorite local Curry history books for your Christmas shopping list.

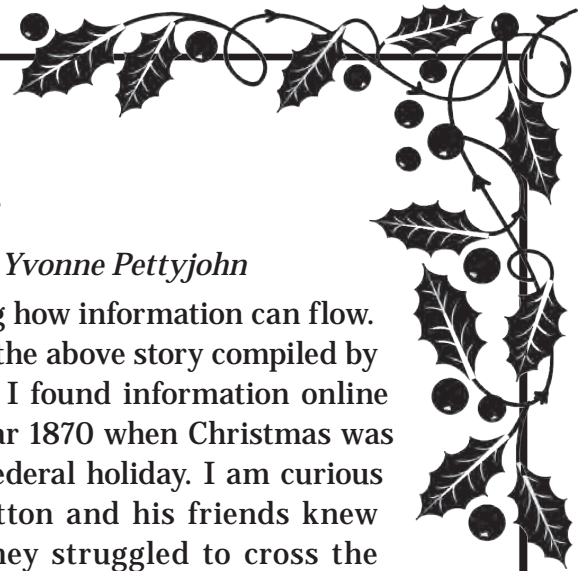
On the book front, the Board recently approved the reprinting of the Howard J Newhouse book "Rogue River Rogue" with the permission of the Newhouse Family. We are looking forward to having copies for sale in the Museum soon. A local business in Curry County will be doing the printing and keeping our dollars in the local economy.

As always, we would like to encourage you to volunteer in your community and if you have a soft spot for history, we can always use volunteers.

Keep Moving Forward,  
Best Regards, Your President  
Dave Sanders







## CHRISTMAS 1870, CONT.

*(Continued from page 1)*

*...and had a shake roof but no ceiling. There was a leak in the roof and a large wet spot on the floor which added to the excitement to the promenades, alamans left or circles round.*

*Although people of the early days were deprived of many necessities and luxuries in this out- of- the- way place, they made the best of the circumstances and seemed to get more out of life than many do today."*

*By Yvonne Pettyjohn*

Interesting how information can flow. After typing the above story compiled by Edith Jones, I found information online about the year 1870 when Christmas was declared a Federal holiday. I am curious if Walter Sutton and his friends knew this when they struggled to cross the Rogue River during that stormy night in December. Taken from Law & Liberty- Josh O. McGinnis essay 2016. The Christmas Holiday of 1870 and the Establishment Clause.

## PISTOL RIVER CELEBRATES THEIR FRIENDSHIP HALL

*By Yvonne Pettyjohn*

September 17, 2022 was a day of celebration for the Pistol River Friendship Hall in Pistol River. The Hall has been in existence for 90 years, having undergone many changes during that time, it's story can be read in Pistol River Recollections, a book that Curry Historical Society has on its book shelf.

Ron Crook was Grand Marshall of the parade which began at the Pistol River Fire Hall. I did spot Shelly Carpenter working with flowers and photos on a float. I went to the Friendship Hall where people were setting up games outdoors and purchased a very nice t shirt with a design 1853 explained by the young man selling the shirts. The parade arrived and the well decorated hall began to fill. Joli Timms had constructed beautiful fabric banners that were connected and hung along the top of the walls inside the hall. Each banner displayed a facet of the Friendship Hall's existence in the community.

Apple pie! There was an apple pie contest, that allowed the winners bragging rights for a year. I think Ron Crook spent quite a bit of time at that table. He was sizing up the pies or he was

a judge because he looked pretty determined. The winners were Eleanor Foskett...First; Eileen Carpenter...Second; Linda Herman...Third.

The foods were appetizing and beautifully displayed. I most certainly enjoyed mine! Sitting with friends and chatting was wonderful, music was just perfect for the occasion.

I had a time for rumination at the table after looking around the room packed with people at tables. Pistol River seems to draw creative people who reside there, who cook, bake, sew, crochet, knit, garden, make music, make musical instruments, writes books, journals, paint with oil and/or watercolor, floral designers, developed property and became successful event planners, one family hosts a Fourth of July Celebration potluck that is very well attended. I review this impressive list of the Creative and apologize to those not listed because I was unaware.

Leaving, the warmth of Pistol River Friendship Hall, sounds of music, voices and wonderful smells of food followed me. Ninety years later, the Hall is still doing its thing!

I apologize for not reporting the Parade winners names. Marian Tidwell gave me names

and correct spelling however I later confused myself with those who tied for First Place, therefore leaving me without correct information to share about the contest.

Pistol River so called because James Mace lost a pistol in the water in Spring of 1853. This information I read in the book of Coos and Curry Counties by Dodge and was told me by the young man selling t shirts.

Being in Pistol River was good for me. My thoughts went back in time to a memory of my mother, stepfather, grandmother, my siblings and I going to the Friendship Hall to a dance where a man my step father called Acey Carpenter provided the music. We children found the floor to be fascinating because Spangle made it slick. We had to leave the floor unless we were going to dance, being children, we left the floor!

The State Highway had their large shop and vehicle storage along with a couple of houses where employees lived with their families close to where the Pistol River Fire Hall is now situated. One family was Howard. I babysat for Wally and

Fosteen Howard's children a couple of times. Their daughter, Deb, years later wrote a book, Horse Tales from Pistol River which is on the Curry Historical Society bookshelf. I attended Pistol River School for one year graduating 8th grade, Elizabeth Winkle who lived alongside the Winchuk River south of Brookings was my teacher and Rose Walker was school bus driver in a yellow/white VW Bus. Around that time, 1961, the Pistol River store and Post Office were still operating and the US Highway 101 from Pistol River to Gold Beach was nearing completion.

Having the opportunity to admire the beautiful green waters of Pistol River, swimming and playing in those waters also gave me the opportunity to watch that river become a deadly rushing torrent of swirling brown water overtaking azalea and hydrangea bushes in the yard, spreading and lapping against parts of the house where we lived. That river rose as fast as the taste of dread rose in my throat during that terrible time in the driving pounding rain of the flood of 1960 or 61.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE SMALLEST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GOLD BEACH, OREGON

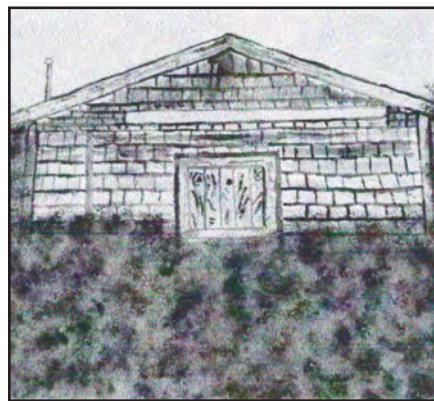
*By Maureen Welborn*

**Editor's Note: The Echoes is presenting a very nice story written by Maureen Welborn, a Life Member and Friend of the Museum. Her story is presented along with her artwork of three pictures that were in watercolor and beautiful to view. Anything Maureen chooses to do becomes a perfect package. Enjoy Maureen's story.**

The mystery is where was the Smallest Catholic Church in Gold Beach located and what color was it??? In February 2022 I saw a photo on the internet of the smallest Catholic Church in the USA, it was located right here in Gold Beach, Oregon. Always liking a challenge, I decided to

pursue this local mystery, as it was certainly a mystery to me. I started contacting as many people as I could, whom I thought would have some answers to my two questions; where was this little church located and what color was it????

When I moved here in 1978, one of the first local pieces of information I was told was about this little Catholic Church. At that time, I was told it was the small building down by the Hunter Creek Bridge. At that time, it was a salmon color, which I thought was unusual for a church, even one that was not being used anymore. As recently as last summer, I was taking photos of that little building. By then, 2021, all the color was gone



and it had silvered very nicely. When I looked at the picture on the internet of the church, and my photo of the building by the Hunter Creek Bridge, the pitch of the roof was different; the church had a steeper slant than the building south of town.

I have talked with numerous people in Curry County about this little church and have gotten some interesting information. Most people are saying that it was behind the current Rogue River Myrtlewood Shop which is on the corner of Ellensburg and Straughn. That would put the church on the corner of Straughn and Hillcrest; on the ocean side of Hillcrest. I found one picture with the ocean in the background, that tells me which side of the street it was on. So far, no one seems to know what color the church was, so I

am going with it was white, by looking at the few pictures I have seen of it.

The Smallest Catholic Church here in Gold Beach was built in 1929, it was very small, I do not have the dimensions.. I have been told it had pews in it to hold from 7-20 people, if more folks were attending a service, they would stand outside the building. The church was a mission church with the pastor stationed in Bandon and he would drive a Model-T down to the south coast to hold services for the Catholics in this area. There were weddings in this little church and it was also used for other things, like piano lessons and school classes. It seems that the building was demolished sometime in the 1950s when a new Catholic Church was built on Gauntlett Street. here in Gold Beach.

The new church, St Charles Borromeo Church was dedicated on July 15, 1962 by ArchBishop Edward D. Howard.

To help me find out as much information as possible, I went to the Gold Beach Library, where the two ladies there were a big help. The library has a great section of books on the history of this area. I also visited our Curry County Museum, located on Ellensburg St. here in Gold Beach. I found some good information in Meryl Boice's book, *Gold Beach and South Curry County*, printed in 2012. I also found good information in Walt Schroeder's book, *They Found Gold on the Beach* printed in 1999.

What a fun challenge this has been for me and several other folks here in Gold Beach.



## ... FROM THE MUSEUM NEWS DESK

*By Yvonne Pettyjohn*

Curry Historical Society Museum lost a board member Roger Donoho to sudden death in August. Roger was a person of incredible principle, he walked his talk! He was full of ideas and answers for many situations, always helpful and so positive. On the day of his death, he and Jeani Adams were working outdoors on a project at the museum. A few days after Roger's death, his nephew Andrew Houghtaling came by the museum to tell Jeani he was there to complete Roger and Jeani's outdoor project because Roger would not want to leave an unfinished project! Andrew finished the project.

Six museum members attended a Celebration of Life for Roger. The event was beautifully done with barbecue, complementing foods, beverages, wonderful music and great stories about Roger. The day was sunny, just beautiful and my mind held a picture of Roger, raising his head up and back laughing with great gusto! He was a person who met life head on and lived it to the fullest.

"Rogue River Rogue", book by Howard J. Newhouse is available for purchase. Please feel free to check out our assortment of great books, photos, maps and museum memberships which will make excellent Christmas gifts.

Shelly Carpenter came by our Estlund & Hoenie Annex to describe items donated to Curry Historical Society by Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce, now non-functional. The Museum accepted Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce history. Thank You Shelly for the time you took with the Museum members.

Thank you Linda Graves, always so kind and thoughtful to our museum, for the books you gifted for our shelf.

September 24 was our sale at Estlund & Hoenie Annex. We were pleased with the outcome and are ready to move forward with plans for the Annex.

In August, Elder members of the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians toured our museum and Estlund & Hoenie Annex. We were very pleased to greet our guests and share our history with them.

September 20 CHS held their Annual Meeting. The following officers were reinstated for the next year by unanimous vote.

President Dave Sanders

Vice President Barbara Gauntlett

Treasurer Nancy Chester

Secretary Vacant, currently being done by President.

A woman who is rarely featured in photos of museum activities because she is the one documenting those activities with photos is Barbara Gauntlett. Barbara has a sparkling personality and is driven by energy that puts the Energizer Bunny to shame. Her heart and soul goes into her chosen project and she emerges Triumphant! We are fortunate that she chose to become a part of the CHS Museum Board as well as being a worker bee. She is married to David Gauntlett who is from a very old family in Curry County. A family with much interesting history that I would be happy to share if I had the room to write in these Echoes. David and Barbara were a dual military and blended family who pursued their educations. David retired as a Lt. Colonel from military service in 1994 and Barbara

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finished her military service as a Lieutenant in the US Navy as a registered nurse in 1994. They raised their family and David had a business as a civilian military contractor for a number of years. They moved to Gold Beach, David's home town. He relocated to work full time at the military HQ at Fort Bragg, NC., Barbara stayed in Gold Beach keeping busy with volunteer work at Curry Historical Society, Snack Pac and St.

Matthew's Episcopal church. She also worked as a temporary employee at the Curry County Courthouse Annex Building, in the Permitting office. David fully retired and is home in Gold Beach.

We are reminding members to please send their Curry Historical Society dues this month. Thank you.

## LONE RANCH BORAX MINE

*By John McWade*

April 1974

"Southern Curry County's Lone Ranch Creek held high hopes for early day prospectors. It was not gold but borate of lime that promised great wealth. In 1857, John Cresswell took up a homestead on the bench land just south of Cape Ferrallo near the mouth of Lone Ranch Creek. Here he raised sheep and cattle as a means of livelihood and cut timber from the adjacent hills for his building needs.

It was Cresswell who noted a white, chalky substance which outcropped along the creek. Housewives found it excellent for polishing silver, and boat builders and carpenters used it as a substitute for chalk. Someone sent a sample of the material to the California Academy of Science in 1872 where Dr. Silliman pronounced it a NEW mineral. He named it "priceite" after Thomas Price, a well-known San Francisco metallurgist.

Actually, it is the same material as the borate of lime mined commercially in Turkey and called "pandermite". The Oregon priceite is found in areas of serpentine rock and comes in hard snow white nodules varying in size from a pea to 500 pounds or more. Upon being exposed to the weather, it breaks down rapidly to a powder. It is therefore a miracle that it was ever discovered in Oregon's wet coastal climate.

No particular significance was attached to this borate at the time of its identification, but in 1890 an Englishman named Fleming came across the record of the assay, took a mineral option on the ranch and opened up the deposit. He later allowed the options to lapse and the Pacific Coast Borax Company purchased the 1056 acre ranch. They proceeded with development of the mine and began shipments in 1891. From the tunnels, which faced a little bay and were only a few yards above the high tide line, the ore was mined and temporarily stored in a large shed. It was then lowered to a barge through a wooden chute, towed a mile out to sea and transferred to a coastal steamer bound for the refinery at San Francisco. The first shipment was made on the steamer "NEWSBOY" in 1890. A large rock, just north of the mouth of Lone Ranch Creek bears the marks of the spar and heel boom used in the loading operation.

In an area decidedly remote to the time, the mining operations were entrusted to contractors or leaseholders. Each would be assigned a small tract or perhaps two or three acres. Miners were paid according to their production.

A price of \$23.00 per ton was paid for ore delivered on the barge. This must have represented a good return to the miners for rivalries oft times arose and stories of strife and gunfire were not unknown, as a drift, perhaps inadvertently, proceeded out in to a neighbor's



lease. Tunnel entrances were generally kept locked to prevent theft and inspection. But in the absence of a leaseholder, his padlock would sometimes be shot off, measurements of his tunnel made, trespass proven and was declared, all in the passing of an hour.

Mining was extremely difficult and dangerous because of the slippery nature of the steatite and serpentine in which the nodules of ore occurred. By the end of 1892, after only one thousand tons had been removed, operations were permanently discontinued. This was partly due to the fact that priceite could not be economically refined to a useable product.

The mining site reverted to sheep range and was ranched by several leaseholders including the Isenhart Family of Langlois. The Isenharts ran stock on the ranch from 1925 until 1948. They even grew some lilies during the early 1940s.

Mr. Isenhart recalls that during World War 11 the Coast Guard dynamited the largest remaining mine tunnel. This was a 70 foot tunnel that was near the present access to Lone Ranch picnic

spot. The military was afraid the tunnel could become a fortification if Japanese landing craft were to use Lone Ranch beach.

Isenhart also remembers the group of young archeologists from Stanford University who made extensive digging in the Indian campsite and shell mounds near the creek. Hundreds of stone implements and utensils, bone fish hooks, needles and other artifacts were uncovered and catalogued. At least thirty four Indian skeleton were noted. Dr. Joel Berreman , whose home is near the Thomas Creek Bridge, was among those present during the digging. His research paper is on file in the Curry County Library.

The Borax Consolidated Limited, predecessor to United States Borax and Chemical Corp., donated that portion of their holdings lying west of Highway 101 to Samuel H. Boardman State Park. The remaining 664 acres east of the highway is “just too beautiful to be commercially developed” so says their company officials. We wholeheartedly agree.”

## THE MOUNTAIN WELLS TRAIL

*By Mark Kramer  
May 14, 2022*

**Editor's Note: Mark Kramer wrote another article for the Echoes a while back. We are presenting another article for your enjoyment.**

“When Port Orford was settled in 1851, one of the first priorities was to open up a “road” (trail) leading to the interior, connecting to the Applegate Trail, (present route of I-5). It couldn't be very hard, everyone thought. The distance was supposed to be only about 30 miles, following the Rogue River.

In the Fall of 1851, a party of 23 men under William T'Vault set out on horseback to locate the route for a trail. They soon found that going up the north bank of the Rogue was not



***Rogue River Canyon  
Below Panther Ridge***



### ***Panther Ridge Trail***

a great idea, as it became too rugged. Forced to climb above the river, they became hopelessly lost and finally came out at the mouth of the Coquille River, where they were attacked by the Indians. Captain William Tichenor, founder of Port Orford, wrote about the expedition. "The party under T"Vault had a disastrous and fearful time. Little of mountaineer skill was ever used or exhibited in their devious wanderings. Mountain ridges were not followed or regarded. Immense gorges were plunged into without apparent hesitation. All the animals had to be abandoned, everything was disposed of as far as possible, to enable them to travel or wander. In the following year Lieut. Stoneman, with his party of explorers, traced their trail, as shone by the cuttings, and found evidence of more insanity than rationality." (From Pioneer History of Coos and Curry Counties, 1898, by Orvil Dodge.)

Not until four years later was a way finally found through the mountains. German-born Lieut. August Valentine Kautz, commanding the U.S. Army troops at Port Orford, was put in charge of finding the route. He enjoyed exploring and being out in the wilds. In October of 1855, he set out with soldiers and an Indian guide, following the ridges and heading southeast. They reached the Oregon-California (Applegate) Trail in about two weeks. Unaware that war had

broken out between the Indians and settlers in the Rogue River Valley, they stumbled into an ambush in which two men were killed. Kautz was struck full in the chest by a bullet but it hit his memorandum book and he was only stunned. After establishing the route, so that soldiers could travel on horseback between Fort Orford on the coast, and Fort Lane in the Rogue Valley. The distance being about 80 miles in a straight line, was more than 100 miles by trail.

Finding the route was not an easy job, as the correct ridges were sometimes difficult to follow. Kautz and his men had to do a lot of searching and backtracking. But they did it well, and roads now follow those same ridges, today the boundary between Gold Beach and Powers Ranger Districts.

Very little of the old trail remains, the longest segment being the 12.5 mile Panther Ridge Trail. It winds through salal and rhododendron brush, under big Douglas fir trees, up and down the broad ridge...coming near high cliffs for a view down to Half Moon Bar on the Rogue, 3,000 feet below. It is not hard to imagine 20 or 30 soldiers riding along the trail in their uniforms, brass buttons gleaming and sabers rattling. However in reality, they probably would not be in full-dress uniforms while on the trail!

Another mile-long section of the trail still exists between Bald Mountain and Rocky Peak. From it, a side trail (made much later) goes to an old fire lookout site atop 3,000 foot Rocky Peak.

The rest of the trail has been replaced by logging roads, although it may be possible to find remnants near the roads.

Leaving Port Orford, the trail most likely went up China Mtn. to Bald Mtn., Rocky Peak, down to Salal Spring, up to Mountain Wells, Camp Victoria, Toast Camp, McCurdy Camp, Soldiers Camp, Bald Knob, Panther Ridge, Buck Camp and Ninemile Spring. A side trail went to Big Meadows, above Mule Creek.

The trail continued to be used by Army and volunteer troops until the Indian war ended in late 1856 and then it was used by others for many years. Tom Billings of Mule Creek recalled hiking out to Port Orford with his father in 1877, when he was about 8 years old.

The U.S. Forest service improved the trail after the Siskiyou National Forest was established in 1907. They eliminated many of the trail's high climbs and drops, by going around the hills instead of over them. Old telephone insulators can occasionally still be found attached to trees, showing where the trail used to go.

Because of the water springs along the way, military scouts named the route the Mountain Wells Trail. It was a remarkable accomplishment, real credit to Lieut. Kautz and his men. Kautz went on to have a distinguished military career to serve on the Union side in the Civil War, attaining the rank of General. He was born in Germany in 1828, and died in Seattle Wa. in 1895.

It is interesting today to follow the historic route of the old ridge trail, and imagine what it was like in 1855."



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

PETE MILLER

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### BOOKS FOR SALE FROM THE MUSEUM BOOKSHELF

The first four books below feature authors from Pistol River.

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*By Ella M. Sponaugle* ..... \$35.00

#### HORSE TALES FROM PISTOL RIVER

*By De Borah Howard* ..... \$6.00

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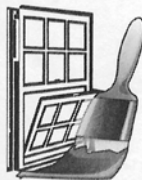
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