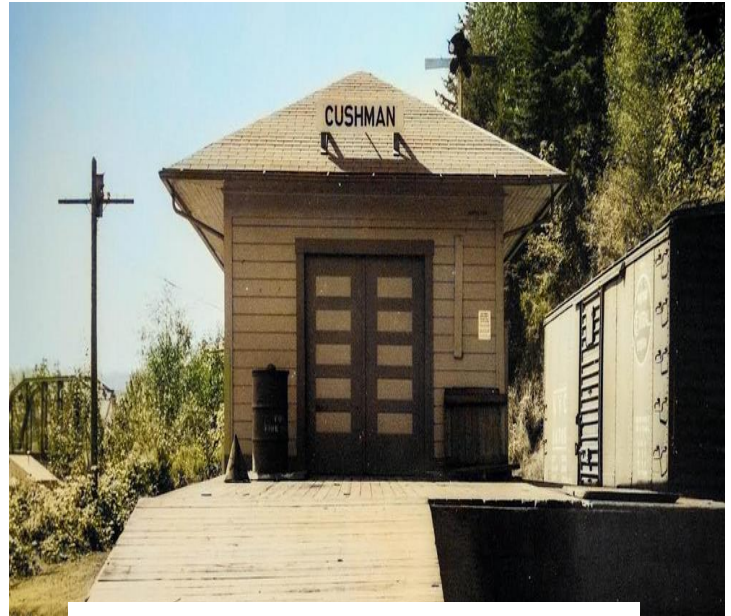


Siuslaw Pioneer Museum



Southern Pacific Train #2205 : Courtesy Lane County historical Museum



Historic image - Cushman Train Depot: Courtesy, Jerry Abell

*Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Association, Inc.
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Our Mission

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum is an educational and repository facility that demonstrates the history, the vision, the vitality, and the values and culture of the peoples of the Siuslaw Valley and coastal region.

Museum & Library Hours

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum is currently open
Wed - Sun from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Non-member admission is \$7.00

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Kyle Research Library (KRL) is attached to the museum and houses historical documents.

Tuesday/Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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RAILROAD TRIPS—A GIRL'S PASSION!

You're probably wondering what this has to do with the pioneer museum... well, during the early years of the town of Florence, Oregon, having the train come to (or near) Florence was an incredible advancement in travel.

*One of the families that settled in the Siuslaw Valley was employed by the railroad. His name was **Frederick John Miller** and he started out as a railroad brakeman and advanced to a conductor. **Fred's uniform and a very interesting story about the history of the railroad and depot in the town of Cushman is now on display at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum. It is one of our rotating displays that change every few months. We don't want you to miss it!***

When I was 12 years old (1962) my parents took me and my little brother on a cross-country train trip, Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. and back. We had a Family size guest room in one of the Sleeping cars during our trip. The Dome car had high glass windows and a glass ceiling for a panoramic view of the country; the Dining car was set up like a restaurant with white tablecloths and waiters wearing black suits and white gloves. What an adventure! That trip started my life-long love of rail travel!

I hope you will visit the museum soon, so as not to miss this display and all the history of the Siuslaw Valley. Our volunteers are working hard to bring you a new insight into the contents of the museum and the history of this area. See you soon!

Merilee Mulvey- KRL volunteer Editor

A Message from Your New Board President – Pamela Mann

Greetings Fellow Supporters,

This year I have taken on the daunting task, with others, to continue the mission of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum. The museum has a legacy of dedicated professionals that pioneered the acquiring of local artifacts and items, finding a home for them, and then growing this organization into an impressive and historic institution. Per the declarations of visitors, it has been called the “greatest little museum on the Oregon Coast”.

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum (SPM) is wholly supported by ‘volunteers’ that include the Trustees, an Operations manager, Library Research/Archivists, and Docents. These individuals deserve our gratitude as a community for keeping our history and story alive. Just a quick walk through the museum is a walk-through-time from the early days of Florence as a river-access-only community to a town with a single lane of traffic on the busy Pacific Coast Highway 101; and currently to four lanes of traffic with four streetlights!

We have grown exponentially within the prior decades, making it even more imperative that we continue this mission. The search for new volunteers, who are the backbone of this organization, is always prevalent. My desire is that the help of more community members will increase to preserve this gem.

PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS, EVENTS

This is one of several new sections the Kyle Research Library (KRL) volunteer staff is introducing in the newsletter. *People, Places, Things, Events* will focus on the history of the Siuslaw Valley, its inhabitants, “things created and used,” and the many little hamlets and towns throughout the history of the area. We also plan to include more indigenous history. All the peoples who inhabited this area of coastal Oregon play a part in this history. This new section title speaks for itself. We will delve into museum historical records, newspaper articles, and much more, to tell you the stories that comprise the history of this lovely area of Oregon. All of the information comes from our research library archives.

Who knows... one of these people may be your ancestor!

Let's begin with **PEOPLE**... the marriage of **Juanita Schroeder** and **John H. Morrison**. Local Florence resident, Juanita Schroeder, was the **1913 Rhododendron Queen** in Florence, Oregon. Here is the text of a newspaper article from the Coos Bay, Oregon newspaper (*The World*) dated **26 Apr 1915**, page 1:

CUPID ON THE LINE

Twenty-Two Engineers of Coos Bay – Eugene Line wed in three years
Bachelordom Put to Rout Along New Railway – Various Reasons are Ascribed for It

Eugene, Ore., April 26. – Three years ago, the Willamette Pacific company brought to Eugene a force of young unmarried engineers and office men. There were thirty of them, and today twenty-three of this number are married.

When they first came their bachelor headquarters were established in a big house on Thirteenth avenue east and Mill Street, but a year ago the matrimony game has picked off so many that the quarters had to be discontinued. This seemed to accelerate cupid's activities, and today only seven are left single.

Several of this number already have their foot in the net, declared J. J. Delany, clerk, who compiled the figures of bachelor fatalities during the past three years. His action was prompted by the announcement yesterday of the marriage of **John H. Morrison**, a well-known Eugene boy, to **Juanita O. Schroeder**, of Florence.

The marriage ceremony was performed at the home of L. J. Pourtain, at Florence by J. N. Goude, justice of the peace. J. J. Delany, clerk, married, does not give the beauties of Eugene's and Lane County's daughters the credit.

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"It was the high cost of living," he surmises as he looks over the long list who at one time lived in the bachelor headquarter conducted by himself and Mrs. Delaney. "They all get the idea that two can live more cheaply than one – possibly more cheaply as one."

George Seitz, one of the few unmarried men remaining, whose desk is near that of Mr. Delaney, has an equally pessimistic view. "After a guy works on the railroad for two years or more, he's foolish enough to do anything," he says!

Mrs. E. S. Tuttle, bookkeeper in the Willamette Pacific office, slightly superstitious, credits the bachelor headquarters with some fatal charm. "That would be a good house for some sorority," she adds.

The remaining single men are "Judge" Homer, George Adams, George Seitz, Harry Tromitz, Larry Thornton, Ralph Newlands and Paul Lynch. Those who have been married in the past three years are: Stanley Young, Ben Price, Dick Lidyard, E. C. Poole, George Bromley, John Hunsaker, Percy Stanky, C. H. Spencer, J. A. Martin, W. H. Hoffman, J. C. O'Connor, W. L. Hallock, I. R. Risley, C. F. Goodall, Charles Darling, A. C. Palmer, **J. H. Morrison**, J. J. Kestley, Adolph Bock, J. K. Holt, I. O. Russell, and Tex McCullum.

In 1913, Juanita had a leading role in the melodrama "*Turn of the Tide*" at the Rita Theatre. Article right is from *The Eugene Guard* newspaper in Oregon, dated Sat 9 Aug 1913 on page 6.

Visit the [Kyle Research Library](#) to learn more about the **RITA THEATER** in Florence!

Juanita Schroeder married **John H. Morrison** in 1915. This article below comes from page 1 of the *Oregon Statesman Journal*, dated Saturday 24 April 1915. The couple wed 4 days prior, on 20 April.

Bachelors Club Is Put Out of Commission by Defection of Members

(By The Associated Press)

Eugene, April 23.—When John Morrison, a civil engineer employed in construction work on the new Willamette-Pacific railroad, yesterday married Miss Juanita Schroeder, at Florence, J. J. Delaney, chief clerk of the construction force checked up the roster and found that of twenty-seven bachelors composing the crew when the survey began two years ago twenty-two had married, nearly all choosing brides in this district.

Bachelor quarters established by the engineers when they arrived two years ago have been discontinued.

At Florence.

It would be a hard matter to decide which was the best portrayed character of the melodrama, "*Turn of the Tide*," staged Tuesday night at the Rita theater by a local talent company.

The theme of the play is replete with human interest and heart throbs, with just enough humor and comedy to balance the play. Geo. G. Peil as Jonas Aldrich seemed to fit the character and was the old fisherman all the time. Susie Aldrich, an ocean waif, was the leading role and was aptly and well portrayed by Miss Juanita Schroeder. M. Sherroud as Capt. Hugh St. Morris, commander of the Tidal Wave, was a success as the hero. Herman Clyde, the villain was a well acted part by R. C. Wygant, Miss Mary Cassidy ably interpreted the character of Lillian, the deserted wife. Aunt Rebecca, the fisherman's wife was nicely acted by Miss Ather Watkins. Frisky was a lively black face act and was extra well taken by Miss Mamie Buchanan. Bert Beagle looked the part of dignified old Col. Ellsworth a man of affairs. And, last but by no means least, was Pepper Mace, a colored individual, the spice of the play, was played by Frank Shackelford who through his comical portrayal of the character succeeded in keeping the large audience in a good humor.

The company is billed to show in Mapleton Thursday evening. This is a real melodramatic treat and no one should fail to see it.—Pilot.

HUNTINGTON MILL AT MAPLETON

Mapleton First!

Source: *The Siuslaw Oar Newspaper*
January 23, 1964

The first forest industry to make the scene at Mapleton was in the form of a shingle mill that once stood behind where the Siuslaw Valley Bank is now located. The mill was started in 1924 by Fred, Edwin, and Walter Huntington and was called the Huntington Shingle Mill.

Until 1940 the Huntington Shingle Mill was the only enterprise at Mapleton and furnished the materials for U.S. Plywood when that company moved into the area. The mill holds the distinction of being one of the oldest mills in Lane County and one of the oldest members of the **Red Cedar Shingle Bureau**.

Walter Huntington is president of the present operation and also of general manager. Edwin Huntington, a nephew of Walter, is production manager. Sons of Walter – Charles, Earl, and Paul – assist their father in supervisory positions. Marge Bekman is office manager and Russel Rose is log buyer.

Red Cedar Shingle Bureau history:

On June 9, 1915, at a meeting of the Trustees of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers Association, it was agreed to establish a branch of the association to serve those members who manufactured shingles. Our influence grew, and as we survived both the Great Depression and World War II, manufacturers continued their quality commitment. In 1963 the organization merged with the Handsplit Shake Bureau to become the **Red Cedar Shingle & Handsplit Shake Bureau**. Source: <https://www.cedarbureau.org/about-the-organization/>



Oliver Sind (L) and Paul Girard (R)

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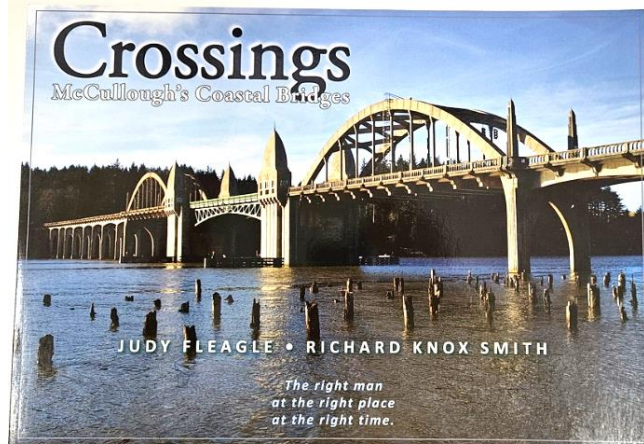
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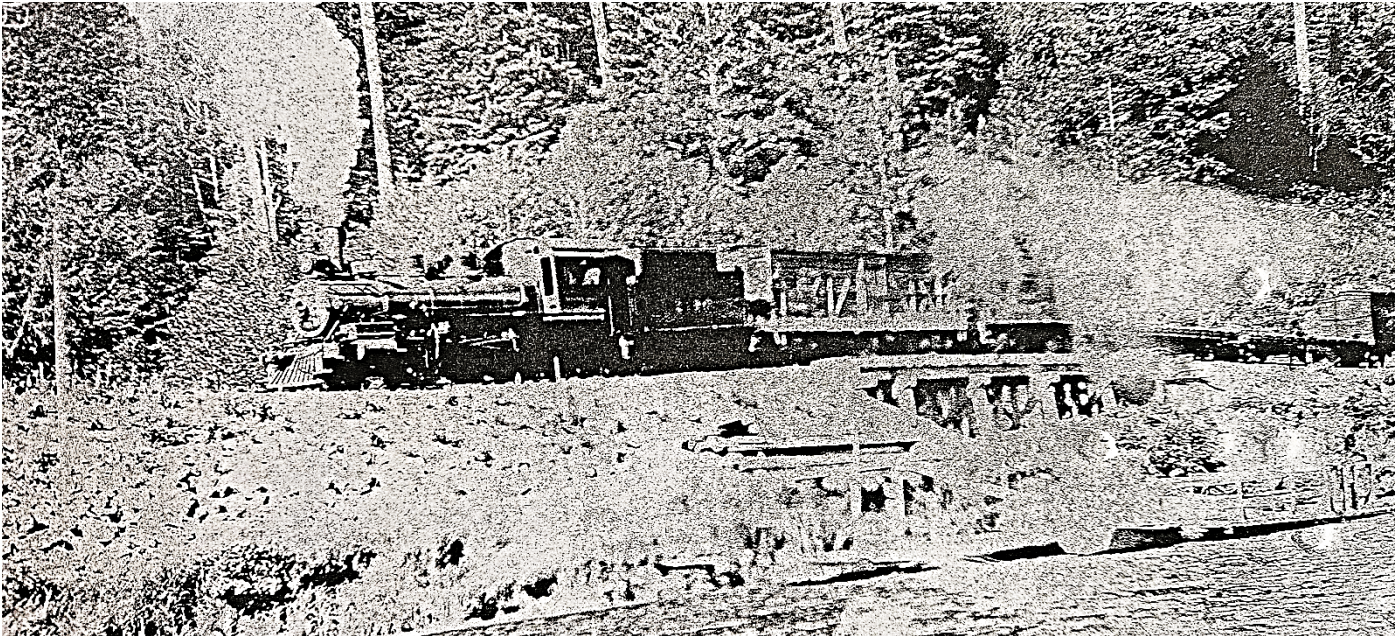
RAILROAD TO THE SIUSLAW

San Francisco Chronical (San Francisco, CA) Mon, Dec 23, **1889**, page 3

The Promising Condition of the Project

Eugene (Or.), December 22. – The directors of the Siuslaw and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company are steadily at work on the project of a railroad from this city westward forty-seven miles to the head of tide water on the Siuslaw river. A full report, with an extended account of the resources on the line of the proposed road, will be issued in a few days

The estimate of the engineer who has completed the survey shows that the road will coast from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000. It will, however, pass successively through a splendid agricultural district and a country rich in timber and underlaid with coal. From the western terminus direct steamer communication will be had with San Francisco and Portland, thus giving cheaper freights to the grain-producing region of the Upper Willamette valley. A San Francisco steamer now makes periodical trips to the salmon canneries on Siuslaw bay.



A photo of the first train in the Siuslaw Valley circa 1907

Morning Oregonian (Portland, OR) Fri, Nov 15, **1889**, page 4

Preliminary surveys have been completed for the railroad from Eugene to Florence, a distance of fifty miles and right of way has been secured. Contracts will not be let until next season. A. G. Hovey, of Eugene, is president of the road and the general agent is now in New York for the purpose of negotiating with some of the overland companies for the building of the line from the bay to Eastern connections.

WORK COMMENCED ON NEW RAILROAD

The Oregon Daily Journal (Portland, OR) Fri, Jul 16, **1909**, page 5

(Special dispatch to The Journal) Eugene, Or., July 16. – Surveys for the Eugene-Florence railway, which is being promoted by the Lane County Asset company of this city, will begin next week. Actual construction is expected to start in August. Over a third of the \$150,000 required before construction work is commenced has been raised and none of the heavy capitalists has yet been seen.

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- *By becoming a LIFE member with a gift of \$1,100.00.

LIFE member contributions can have a name added to the Legacy plaque in the museum.

Upcoming Events

July-September 2024

July 8 Board Meeting at museum
August Official Coast Guard City Month
August 12 Board Meeting at museum
August 31 Picnic at Elks RV Park (12-4 p.m.)
Honoring the Miles Family
Sept 9 Board Meeting at museum

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An endowment fund in the Museum's name has been established with many financial gifts from our members. Donors who wish to contribute to this fund should make their contribution payable to:

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and specify
"Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Endowment"
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Mail check to:
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Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the museum. These meetings are open to all members. Call ahead for space availability.



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