

SKETCH OF EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

ORGANIZATION OF THE DALLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

An Historical Sketch Read by Mr. S. L. Brooks at the Fortieth Anniversary, Sunday, Sept. 17, 1899.

The Dalles, formerly called Wasco, forty years ago, was an infantile town of scarce 400 inhabitants, when Rev. W. A. Tenny, the pioneer preacher of Congregationalism, stepped ashore from the little steamer Hazello at the "Gate City" of the Inland Empire...



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and an interest showed itself in the small community from which some eight or ten were added to the record prior to the close of the pastorate of Mr. Tenny. From the first, church financial support was an unknown quantity.

home in Illinois, he preached his farewell sermon from the 6th chapter of Ephesians, 13th verse, to a very large congregation.

The church was without a pastor from Mr. Butcher's departure until the summer of 1877, when a Rev. J. W. Harris, of Evansville, Wis., was called to fill the vacancy. He arrived in June and began his ministerial work at once.

After the retirement of Mr. Harris the church took active measures to have the pulpit occupied, as soon as circumstances would permit, by a permanent pastor.

There have not been many changes in the list of deacons since the first organization. Mr. Penfield was the recognized deacon up to his departure from the town. From that time Mr. E. S. Joslyn was the acting deacon by common consent.

Mr. Gray's ministry was a very successful one. During his pastorate the church flourished and "grew like the cedars of Lebanon." His excellent wife took her place in the Sunday school as a teacher.

November 7th Rev. R. V. Hoyt, of Cheney, Wash., having received and accepted a call from the church, filled the pulpit for one year, after which Rev. W. C. Curtis, of Richmond, Maine, having been called April 18, 1888, to the pastorate, came out at an early date and began a faithful ministry.

The society being left roofless fell back onto first principles, though not in the old court room, but the new. In this room the church worshipped until January 27, 1889, at which time the new and beautiful church edifice, erected upon the property purchased of the late Judge O. S. Savage, was dedicated.

In 1867 an addition was put on the front of the building; on the northeast corner was a tower in which a large 800-pound bell was placed. This addition was built by volunteer work.

Great honor and praise is due the first building committee, who had the herculean task of raising the funds, procuring grounds and building the First Congregational church building in a town whose morals were far from the ways of truth and righteousness.

Pentland, Zelek Donnell and Erastus S. Joslyn filed articles of incorporation incorporating the First Congregational church of Christ of The Dalles. The capital was fixed at \$2000. After incorporation the following trustees were elected: Messrs. E. S. Joslyn, W. P. Abrams, H. J. Waldron, Z. F. Moody and Zelek Donnell.

There are about forty members of the institute in the party and with their wives and others the party numbers sixty or more. The party comprises some of the most eminent mineralogists and geologists of the country, among them being Dr. James Douglas, president of the institute; Dr. R. W. Raymond, secretary; Theodore D. Rand, treasurer; Thomas Daiglt, assistant secretary and treasurer; Ernest Fleming, a representative of the Prussian government, who is in this country to study mining methods.

The church has been blessed with a Ladies' Aid Society ever since its formation sometime in 1863. The society has been a great factor in the social relations of the church. Its religious influence has gone out into homes and comforted hearts that were burdened with sorrow and grief.

The church owes much to one who has passed into the Great Beyond, for his intense interest in the successes of the church and Sunday school. In song and story he was a host.

There are many others who have done noble and faithful work for this church in former years; who always held its interests dear to their hearts. They, too, have been gathered home.

In conclusion, above all else, this church has reason to thank God for His protecting, preserving care, His mercies, His love, His infinite goodness in all these years; for those who have believed in prayer as well as works.

In conclusion, the following items will be interesting. Our church, late in the fall of 1870, resolved to cut itself loose from the A. H. M. society's future assistance. From that day this church has assumed its own financial responsibilities for pastors' salaries and incidental expenses, and has never seen the time that it would reverse its decision.

the undisputed right to vote at any and all church elections, and on all questions arising in church matters.

The unwritten history of the church from the close of 1888 to the present time is familiar to you all, and is left in your hands to carry on in data, which will be of as great interest and value to those in future years as the recorded events in the years passed are to you.

Let the light stream on in its deeds of love - The glorious record of its virtues - Write! and hold it up to men. Bid them claim a pain And snatch from it the hallowed flame."

Visit of Eastern Mining Men.

A special train arrived in the city about 8:45 this morning bearing the eastern members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, en route to San Francisco to attend the 77th session of the organization.

There are about forty members of the institute in the party and with their wives and others the party numbers sixty or more. The party comprises some of the most eminent mineralogists and geologists of the country.

The institute has been in existence for many years and holds sessions annually for the discussion of mining and engineering topics. Incidentally the members enjoy their gatherings in a social way and usually travel to the place of meeting in an excursion party if possible.

They have been visiting the smelters and great mines on the route, stopping at Spokane yesterday. It is to be regretted that they could not have been induced to stop at Baker City and inspect some of our mines near there; but it seems Oregon mines were given the "go by." It doesn't matter, however, for they are becoming famous enough throughout the United States, not to miss the visit of any amount of mining men.

Mr. Wheelton thoughtfully made it his business to be at the boat and present them with rich samples of ore taken from the Gem mine, one of the Spanish Gulch group. He also gave them his cards and we may yet hear of some results from their Dalles visit.

Accused of Horse Stealing.

The Walla Walla Statesman has the following article concerning a man who is quite well known in The Dalles: "Rev. W. H. Sherman is a popular Baptist preacher at Baker City, but his fair name was recently besmirched. He was mixed up in a horse stealing scrape. What do you think of that?"

"On Sunday, August 6, Rev. Sherman preached at the Baptist church in this city. He engaged a rig to go out in the country, on Sunday, but later informed the liveryman that his trip was put off till Monday.

"Monday Sherman got the horse and buggy, and started out. And they haven't heard since from either the horse or the driver. Rev. Sherman was tracked to Baker City; but he, with consummate gall, denied the allegation that he had the horse. In fact, it is said he went farther than simple denial, and called our own sheriff names (good names, all culled from the scriptures.) Mr. Kees was only doing his duty in trying to catch a horse thief, and how was he to know that a Baptist preacher didn't have a hankering after other people's equine possessions?"

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, THE DALLES, OR. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress, June 3, 1878, entitled "An act to provide a timber made in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," Charles Gosson, of The Dalles, Oregon, claims the following land: Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Friday, November 2, 1899, viz: Herbert B. Meeker, of The Dalles, Or., Homestead Entry No. 1221, for the Big Bend and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 27, township 11 north, range 13 east, W. M.

CONTEST NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, THE DALLES, OR. A sufficient contest affidavit was filed in this office by James J. H. 1899, against Joseph E. H. 1899, made Nov. 4th, 1899. The SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 24, Township 11 N. R. 13 E. W. 1899, and the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 24, Township 11 N. R. 13 E. W. 1899, are hereby notified to appear at the office of the register and receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Friday, November 2, 1899, before the register and receiver at the United States office in The Dalles, Or.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon, of Wasco County, as administrator of the estate of Adolph Agapiu, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified, to me at the office of my attorneys, J. P. Lucas & J. P. Lucas, within six months from the date of this notice.

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LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Saturday, October 21, 1899, viz: Alexander Vance, of The Dalles, Or., H. E. No. 3182, for the SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 Sec. 3, and NE 1/4 Sec. 5, T. 11 N., R. 12 E., W. M.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed with the clerk of the county court of the State of Oregon, of Wasco County, his final account as administrator of the estate of John Grant, deceased, and that by an order of said court made on the 13th day of September, 1899, Monday, the 6th day of November, 1899, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., has been set as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account. J. DUFFY DEANDE, Administrator of Estate of John Grant, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that L. C. Hensburgh, administrator of the estate of Albert Usher, deceased, has filed his account for final settlement of said estate and Monday, the 13th day of September, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day has been set by Hon. Robert Mays, county judge of Wasco county, Oregon, for hearing objections to the hearing of objections to said final account. L. C. HENSBURGH, Administrator.

H. A. STURDEVANT, Dentist.

Office over French & Co.'s Bank Phone 6, THE DALLES, OREGON

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