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SKETCH OF EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

ORGANIZATION OF THE DALLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

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

The Dalles .- formerly called Wascopum-forty years ago, was an infantile town of scarce 400 inhabitants, when Rev. W. A. Tenny, the pioneer preacher of Coogregationalism, stepped ashore from off the little steamer Hassalo at the "Gate City" of the Inland Empireto be. After a few days survey of the place and its surroundings he found that the religion of the day, for the majority, was everybody for himself, Being s frontier town the revolver and Bowie knife were the seat of justice outside of the courts. The roughs were in the ascendency so far as court justice was concerned. Need I say that his Satanic majesty reigned in what today is our beautiful city," with its church spire pointing heavenward?

A brave man was Mr. Tenny to face such a condition of affairs. He saw, after his arrival, the awaiting oppor tunity for active work in this Godless field. The better class hailed this herald of the cross with favor. The Master had called him to "Go! and preach the gospel !" With this comman I he came to bring good tidings to the people. Tact, patlence, perseverence possessed. Zealous work was commenced at once in the mission on which seen. He thought

from the inmates below.

Mr. Tenny pressed on in the work. As be provided.



ACTS GENTLY ON THE **KIDNEYS, LIVER** AND BOWELS CLEANSES THE SYSTEM DISPELS EFFECTUALLY DISPELS COLDS COLDS COLDS OVERCOMES HEADACHES HABITUAL CONSTIPATION ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS. AUTORIAL DE SURVES

financial support was an unknown have to be repaired at a considerable descon to fill the place made vacant by engineers of renown. quantity. Popularity did not prove a cost, or a new one built. Mr. Grav the removal of Mr. Josyin to Colorada.

various classes. I am told that during leader unt'l the early spring of 1862, 400. religious worship, vaporings of profanity when Rev. Thomas Condon, of Albany, and villianous songs mingled with the baving heard of the vacancy, came and sacred exhortations from the minister's took up the work left by its founder. desk, and during the season of prayer Mr. Condon, after a short sojourn in the the mocking "amens" would be heard subryo city, found it absolutely necessary that a house of worship other than

With all these discouraging features, the old court room over the jul should

time passed on he concluded that steps | On the 12th day of July, 1802, Rev. must be taken toward the formation of Condon called a meeting of the church a church society. After consulting with people, to meet him at his residence to Messre, E. S. Joslyn and E. S. Penfield discuss the subject of erecting a church in regard to the matter, it was decided edifice at an early day. Mr. H. P. to move in that direction at once. This Isaacs, a prominent citizen of the town, of September (present month) and form- disappointed. After some discussion the First Congregational church of The Andrew Clark and J. M. McKee were Dalles. The following members ap- appointed a building committee with other losses destroyed the old church, me." tus S. Joslyn, E. S. Penfield, William giu work as soon as practicable. They B. Stillwell, Rev. W. A. Tenny and found it difficult to get material to pros-Mrs. Tenny. This perfected the organ- ecute the work with rapidity. However ization. Mr. Zelek and Mrs. Camille a building 30x50 was begun and en-Donnell and Mrs. Mary Joslyn not closed so that in the early part of Janbeing in town at the time, were re- uary, 1863, with a rough floor thrown very short time afterward as charter box stove to warm the building with, members of this the First Congregational the church people were gathered under their own roof. The summer and winter of 1833 and lar church services were held in the 1864 saw the building finished inside court room at the usual hour. The and out the seating was done by Messrs. services began with an invocation and Hogue and Abrams. The seats were made of cedar, shelacked and varnished; after which a scriptural lesson was read the pulpit was an elaborate piece of from the 17th chapter of John's gospel, workmanship, and was presented to the and following this the old familiar church by Col. J. S. Rickel, a very promhymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," inent personage of transportation fame. was sung. Prayer was offered by the The colonel was not strictly a religious acting pastor and then the sermon was man, yet was a warm friend of the for art glass windows, inside finished in wood color, and seated as this audience In 1867 an addition was put on the room is today. The furnishings were neat, front of the building; on the northeast the entire rooms being carpeted with incorner was a tower in which a large 800grain carpet, and a hundred chairs for the pound bell was placed. This addition annex, costing, including grounds, \$13,was built by volunteer work. I well faith in Christ to remain and join in the remember Mr. Zelek Donnell saying 000. The lectern, made and presented celebration of the Lord's Supper. The that his stock were fattening on the to the old church Christmas morn, by Deacon Samuel L. Brooks, was saved bunch grass and he could put in time Now" was sung, and benediction pro- for the Lord while his flock increased. from the burning buildings of 1888 and 1891. This new house was built and Mr. Condon was a very popular man Congregational church organization at and minister; his labor was a witness of completed, lighted and furnished throughout, and dedicated in October, it. At the close of his ministry in the 1892. The usual mid-week prayer meetings summer of 1873, the church roll numwere held on Thursday evenings, usual- bered ninety-seven members, or comly at the pastor's house. Although municants. On his retirement Rev. W. R. Butcher, of Albany, accepted a with Christian fervor, gaining strength call to fill the vacant pulpit, and began from week to week as spiritual builders his ministry in the early autumn of the whose morals were far from the ways of of the church of Christ. Frequently same year. He was a great favorite of Mr. and Mrs. Tenny and Mr. Penfield the church and people ; was a fine vocalwere all that were present. The musical let and a lover of music; was nearly part of the prayer meetings fell on always whistling when out walking, and Brother Penfield alone, as neither from that had the sobriquet of the Brother Tenny nor his excellent wife "whistling preacher." During his could sing at all. It is presumed, how- ministry the church forged shead as ever, that they possessed enough musical usual in additions to the church roll. ability to hum a lullaby whenever an The forepart of June, 1876, he tendered his resignation, to take effect on the first J. M. McKee, have long since gone to

Ephesians, 13th verse, to a very large incorporating the First Congregational arising in church matters. congregation.

near for his closing ministery, evidences Bey. Thomas Condon were elected and the details of its passing years, of his great worth were more and more served as trustees up to the time of inapparent. Leaving his family in the corporation. Each year following the East, as he did, persuasion was of no first general election, the vacancies have avail. In after years he accepted a call been filled by the following persons: to the Albany church and remained its E B Comfort, Zelvk Donnell, H J Waldpastor seven years. On his resignation ron, Robert Pentland, Orlando Humason, he accepted a call to the Salem church, John P Booth, James B Condon, Mrs had ministered.

great pleasure to the church. During Thompson. Atkinson, general missionary, supplied the list of deacons since the first organi. acceptable dish for a meal on the Columthe pulpit most of the time. It is pleas- zation. Mr. Penfield was the recognized bia, and Agent Allaway made arrange-

Somewhere lies our dethremene." Somewhere lies our dethremene." Mr. Tenny had scenared from the court room for church purposes until a better place. Underneath the sudi-filled most of the time with crimmals of filled most of the time vi

cessful one. During his pastorate the out of office each year. At an adjourned special train. From St. Paul the party church flourished and "grew like the meeting of the 21st of April, Mesdames came west over the Great Northern. cedars of Lebanon." His excellent wife Camille Donnell, Alice Abrams, Martha They have been visiting the smelters took her place in the Sunday school as A. McFarland and Anna Pentland- and great mines on the route, stopping a teacher. If the prayer meetings were Brooks were duly elected deaconesses, at Spokane vesterday. It is to be re-and were always an evidence of the Donnell and Mrs Matilda Gibons.

spiritual growth of the membership. The church has been blessed with a "go by." It doesn't matter, however, Mr. Gray's pastorate was unfortunately Ladies' Aid Society ever since its forma- for they are becoming famous enough brought to a close in July, 1887, by a tion sometime in 1863. The society throughout the United States, not to partial paralysis of the vocal cords, to has been a great factor in the social miss the visit of any amount of mining has filed with the cierk of the county court of the deep regret of the church and people. relations of the church. Its religious men.

encouraging conference resulted in Mr. Tenny making a call for a meeting of all those interested at the next Sabbath's morning service. At the stated time the acting pastor prefaced his invitation with s prayer, and asked that all those in the project of the court of the connected with the church assemble feit that the people would be generods having been called April 18, 1888, to the loving arm to the oppressed. Surely cards and we may yet hear of some re-

home in Illinois, he preached his fare- Pentland, Zsiek Donnell and Erastus the undisputed right to vote at any and well sermon from the 6th chapter of S. Josiyn filed articles of incorporation all church elections, and on all questions

church of Christ of The Dalles. The The unwritten history of the church The church was without a pastor from capital was fixed at \$2000, After in- from the close of 1888 to the present Mr. Butcher's departure until the sum- corporation the following trusters were time is familiar to you all, and is left in mer of 1877, when a Ker. J. W. Harris, elected: Messra. E. S. Joslyn, W. P. your hands to carry on in data, which of Evansville, Wis., was called to fill the Abrams, H. J. Waldron, Z. F. Moody will be of as great interest and value to vacancy. He arrived in Jone and began and Zelek Donnell. Prior to the in- those in future years as the recorded his ministerial work at once. He was a corporation, Messre, E. S. Joslon, E. S. events in the years passed are to you. winning man, and, as the time drew Penfield, Z. Donnell, W. B. Stillwell and To you, let me say, husband with care

"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 paim Bid them claim a paim And eatch from it the ballowed flame."

Visit of Eastern Mining Men.

A special train arrived in the city and was its faithful pastor for nearly Camille Donnell, Joshua W French, about S:45 this morning bearing the two years. Owing to his falling health Samuel Brooks, William R Abrams, eastern members of the American Inhe closed his ministerial labors and Eben B McFariand, Fred A McDonald stitute of mining engineers, en route to died, lamented by all those to whom he and E A lioscoe. The church clerks San Francisco to attend th + 77th session have been as follows: E S Penfield, of the organization. Word had been After the retirement of Mr. Harris the Rev Thomas Condon, acting; Rev. W R sent that the party desired to make the church took active measures to have the Butcher, exofficio; S L Brooks, Mrs E E trip down the river by boat, and the pulpit occupied, as soon as circumstances Pentland, W R Abrams, Mrs N J Simons, Regulator was held until their arrival, would permit, by a permanent pastor. O Sylvester, Mrs E J Robinson, W J when they went directly from the train Rev. D. B. Gray, of the Albany church, Strong, R A Roscoe, A R Thompson, to the boat, and fortunately have a most was given a call and accepted it, giving B S Huntington, and lastly Mr. A R beautiful day in which to view the scenery along the river. They gave a Oreg the Interims of vacancies, Rev. Dr. There have not been many changes in gentle hint that salmon would be a very

ant to know that the Albany church has deacon up to his departure from the ments to have it served plentifully at

ant to know that the Albaby church and given us the cream of the ministry of Oregon,—having furnished us with four—Rev. D. V. Poling being the last. In the early fall of 1878 Mr. Gray, with his family, came to us and com-menced work in this church as its recognized pastor. Shortly after his arrival, the church people found it necessary that a parsonage should be the removal of Dencon Abrams Mr. Roherts the set clearly Mr. Roherts the set clearly Mr. Roherts the removal of Dencon Abrams to Port-the set clearly Mr. Roherts the set clearly Mr. Roherts the removal of Dencon Abrams to Port-the set clearly Mr. Roherts the set clearly Mr. Roherts the removal of Dencon Abrams to Port-the the set clearly Mr. Roherts the set clearly Mr. Roherts the removal of Dencon Abrams to Port-the the fact clearly Mr. Roherts the removal of Dencon Abrams to Port-the the fact clearly Mr. Roherts the removal of Dencon Abrams to Port-the the the tate summer of 1870, Mr. the set clearly Theodore D. Rand, the diday of the the set of the contry for the the the tate summer of the institute; Dr. R. W. Ray-mond, secretary; Theodore D. Rand, and an interest showed itself in the small community from which some mall community from some frame and forhearance were requisites he and an interest showed itself in the taken to that end. In the spring fol- was chosen deacon and he faithfully, treasurer; Thomas Dwight, assistant he was called. Days, weeks, months prior to the close of the pastorate of A few years after Rev. Gray arrived it cured February 6. 1893. February 6, government, who is in this country to passed. Evidences of his labor was un- Mr. Tenny. From the first, church was found that the old edifice would 1875, Samuel L. Brooks was elected study mining methods, and many other

The institute has been in existence

filled most of the time with criminals of The little flock was left without a that had a seating capacity of about that the church shall elect two or more the afternoon of Sept. 15, picking up. desconesses to hold office for one year. members on the way to Chicago from Mr. Gray's ministry was a very suc- It also provided that one should go which point the party traveled in a

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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Notice is hereby given the the unovisions of no 3 1035 motions of the provisions of 157S, entitled ands in the sta Nevada and Wa Somon, o. The D o Dre jon. has this awo internent io. 1 lot 4 and sEl4 SW o No. 1 S. ian 50 No. 12 E. show that the hard nor-its timber or stone in poses, and to establish fore the rest or and Dalles, Osegon, on

September, 1.29. He name?rs witnesses. Peter Fagan G. Whitmone. Aby and all serior i clai above d'artheu tands a en claims in tais office on or b September, 1.29.

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LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, ORESON, I Sentember 18, 1880

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention i make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the regime and receiver at The Dailes, Oregon, on Fide

Herbert B. Meeker, of The Dalles, Dr. Herbert B., Meeker, of The Dalles, Oc. Homestead Entry No. 2221, for the Event and SW44 NE45, section 27, township Theta, range 13 cast, W. M. He names the following winnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and culturation of said land, viz; Samuel Creighton, John R. Cosk, William Rawson and Charles Rawson; all of The Dalles

TAY P. LUCAS, sept23-iF

CONTEST NOTICE.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned

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THE DALLES, OREGON

H.A. STURDEVANT,

Undertaker

church of The Dalles.

The following day (Sunday) the regua hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," preached from an appropriate text, "Ye church an I pastor, Mr. Condon. are the Light of the World," to the church and people. At the close of the discourse the accustomed announcements were made and an invitation extended to al! those who professed their hymn "Witness Ye Men and Angels nonneed as the closing act of the First The Dalles.

email in numbers, they were imbaed occasion required it.

The church shed a fresh influence of the next month, (July). On the receive their great reward.

at his home on the evening of the 17th and do the right thing. They were not pastorate, came ont at an early date and the King of kings has enriched it with began a faithful ministry. A very short the beauty of holiness that fadeth not ulate and complete an organization of and deliberation, Messrs. H. P. Isaacs, time after his arrival, on the 2nd of away. "As ye have done it unto one of September, 1888, a disastrous fire with the least of these ye have done it unto

peared and signed the compact: Eras- authority to purchase grounds and be- and many a sigh was made as the old The church owes much to one who bell struck one in its fall, as a part- has passed into the Great Beyond, for ing knell to its perishing home. Tender his intense interest in the successes of were the memories that clustered around the church and Sunday school. In song that old sacred edifice. It was there and story he was a host. His greatest that many plighted their marriage vows ambition was to draw the young and before its altar; and it was there that old into a field of nsefulness and higher ceived into fellowship at a meeting a down, improvised benches, and an old many were born into the kingdom of life, and, although he made no public our Master: it was from there that profession of Christianity, he lived if some of its faithful members and just the same. I refer to the late Hon. loved ones were borne out through its Joseph G. Wilson. portals to the Silent City.

There are many others who have done The society being left roofizes fell noble and faithful work for this church back onto first principles, though not in in former years; who always held its the old court room, but the new. In interests dear to their hearts. They, this room the church worshipped until too, have been gathered home. January 27, 1889, at which time the In conclusion, above all else, new and beautiful church edifice, erected church has reason to thank God for His

upon the property purchased of the late protecting, preserving care, His mercies, Judge O. S. Savage, was dedicated. His love, His infinite goodness in all This magnificent building was built by these years; for those who have believed contract. The specifications providing in prayer as well as works.

ADDENDUM.

A remarkable fact is that of all those who were the pioneer organizers of the church, Hon. Zalek Donnell is the only one who has passed away. Rev W A Tenny and Mrs A W Tenny are residing in Oakland, Cal.; Hon E S Joslyn and Mrs Joslyn are living in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mr E S Penfield, a fresh, pulpit. well-kept gentleman of S1 summers, who is with us today, resides in Canyon City, this state; Mr W B Stillweit lives in Southern Oregon; Mrs Camille Donnell resides with her son, Martin Z Donnell, Great honor and praise is due the first in this city. To me she has not grown building committee, who had the hercu- a bit old, or lost any of the freshness of lean task of raising the funds, procuring her young womanhood that she posgrounds and building the First Congre- sessed when I met her first in the spring gational church building in a town of 1863.

In conclusion, the following items will truth and righteousness. In referring to be interesting. Our church, late in the these gentlemen, Mr. H. P. Isaacs is fall of 1870, resolved to cut itself loose living in Walla Walla, I believe, and from the A. H. M. society's foture asis a very prominent man of Eastern sistance. From that day this courch Washington. He owns extensive flour. has assumed its own financial responsiing mills in his city, and also in the bilities for pastors' salaries and incithriving little town of Wasco. The dental expenses, and has never seen the other two, Mesers. Andrew Clark and time that it would reverse its decision. In the matter of woman's suffrage, this church was the first Congregational upon the prople after its organization, Sabbath tefore his departure for his old In the spring of 1867 Messre. Robert church in Oregon to accord to the ladies sepi-imo

sults 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 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 Phone 6, 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 peo-

ple's equine possessions? "It is evident that there are two Shermans. Though it has not been learned for what denomination the Sherman who took the horse holds forth in the

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H. C. BATEHAM,

Hood River, Or.



WM. WATERMAN. At M. M. Waterman's, on 8-mile.