

ALUMNI SECTION

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PIONEER OF '43 DIES IN HER EUGENE HOME

Mrs. Amanda Patterson, One of First Settlers, Was Long a Worker for University.

Mrs. Amanda C. Patterson, aged 78 years, 6 months, 14 days, died February 14, at 6:55 a. m., at her home at 751 Eleventh avenue east. Mrs. Patterson was always a firm worker for the University of Oregon, from which three of her daughters were graduated. She was the wife of Dr. A. W. Patterson, deceased, who laid out the city of Eugene in 1854, and after whom the Patterson school was erected in this city as a memorial to his work in the community.

Mrs. Patterson came to Eugene in 1843, when but 6 years old, crossing the plains at a time when travel was difficult. Two or three of the members of their wagon train were drowned when crossing the Columbia river, as practically all streams had to be forded at that time.

Born in 1837

She was born in Iowa in 1837, the daughter of Abraham and Rachael Olinger. Her father was a native of Cincinnati, but of German origin. They arrived in Oregon in a train of 100 wagons. Mrs. Patterson's memory had always been good and she could remember many incidents of the trip across the continent, even to the smiles on the faces of a band of trappers who were mistaken by the emigrant to be Indians. The travelers grouped themselves for protection and were ready to fight for their lives.

Married in 1859

The Olingers first settled at Kelsey, but soon went to Waldo Hills, seven miles east of Salem. Mrs. Patterson received her education at Waldo Hills and at the Willamette University. She was married to Dr. Patterson on July 4, 1859, and there was born to them eight children, of which five are yet living. They are: Augusta P. Karlstrom, Anna P., wife of L. H. Potter, vice president of the United States National bank and a graduate of the University in 1885; Ida Patterson, principal of the Patterson school for eleven years, a graduate of the University in 1886 and now residing at Eugene; Clyde I. Patterson, residing at Atlanta, Ga.; and Harriet Patterson, graduate of the University in 1903, and who resided with her mother up to the time of her death.

Mrs. Patterson was known as one of the sturdiest pioneers in the county and her death came only after an illness of weeks. She is the oldest woman to have her name enrolled on the records at the county fair grounds, and came in the first emigrant train to enter Lane county.

The only other close relatives living are grandsons, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Potter, of this city, and are: Wallace Potter, of Spokane; Leo Potter, University student; Huber Potter and Harold Potter, students in the grammar schools of Eugene.

Funeral services will be held at the family residence, 751 East Eleventh street, at 2:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon.

ALUMNI NOTES

Elmer Hall, ex-'15, for four years a varsity football man, has accepted a contract to drive a 400 foot mining tunnel in Buck gulch, near Sumpter, Ore. He specialized in civil engineering while in the University, but has since followed mining.

Leo J. Malarkey, ex-'17, who held down the left half-back berth for two years on the varsity, recently accepted a position with his uncle in a fish business in Portland. He writes that business is good, but that he will be back in school next fall. Mr. Malarkey coached the famous 1919 freshman football team last year.

George Stevenson, '14, is back on the campus again for a two weeks' visit. Mr. Stevens has been connected with the United States reclamation service at Klamath Falls, where he has been working as a draughtsman. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi and his parents live in Eugene.

Carl A. Naylor, ex-'17, spent a few days last week visiting at Alpha Tau Omega. Naylor came from Indianapolis and was on his way to Los Angeles, Cal., where he will make his home.

Dean Walker of Independence spent the week-end at the Sigma Uu house. Mr. Walker graduated from the University in 1913 and since then has been conducting a store in Independence.

The January and February numbers of the Sunset magazine contain short articles by Merle R. Chessman, '08. One story concerns Major Lee Moorehouse, the Indian photographer of Pendleton. The second article tells of the life of Parsons Motannie, a Cayuse Indian religious worker on the Umatilla reservation. Since his graduation Mr. Chessman has been working on the Pendleton East Oregonian.

Borve Fenton, '15, spent the week-end at the Beta Theta Pi house. He holds a position in a bank in his home town, McMinnville.

Steven F. Scibird, ex-'11, is studying electrical engineering in the Oakland, California, polytechnic school, and will receive his degree in June. Mr. Scibird's home is in Union.

Benjamin Huntington, '08, proprietor of a drug store in Drain, is mentioned as a candidate for state senator from Douglas county. Mr. Huntington did considerable forensic work while in the University, and has served a term in the state legislature as a Douglas county representative.

Mrs. Alice Thurston Skei is visiting her parents and college friends this week, after attending the initiation of Delta Gamma. Mrs. Skei, who was a member of the class of '17, and her husband, '14, are living in Coburg, Ore., where Mr. Skei is the principal of the high school.

Herman Oberteuffer, '14, who is principal of the Junction City, Ore., high school, and his wife, who was Mildred Healy, ex-'15, were in Eugene to attend the freshman glee Saturday night.

Florence Cleveland, '13, who has been in Y. W. C. A. work at the exposition at San Francisco, is visiting at the Gamma Phi Beta house, having come here for initiation.

Lyle Steiwer, a graduate of the class of 1915, and Clarence W. Walls, '12, were married last Saturday at the home of the bride, in Salem. The wedding was attended only by close relatives and friends. Miss Steiwer, who is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta fraternity, was president of the Woman's league, a member of the student council, and of Scroll and Script last year. Mr. Walls is an employee in the offices of the state highway commission. He is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta.

William I. Vawter, ex-'18, is attending school at the University of California and studying music in San Francisco.

Lucile Marshall, of Medford, '14, is teaching in the English department of Klamath high school.

Genevieve Cooper, '15, is attending Monmouth normal, where she is specializing in playground work.

Miss Margaret Pratt, who spent her freshman and sophomore years at the University of Oregon, is at the University of California this year.

H. Lyle Smith '15, took his M. A. at Chicago University last spring and is a teacher of mathematics at Northwestern University. He is working toward his Ph. D. He was married in December.

C. H. Myers, '13, has a government position at Washington, D. C., with the Bureau of Standards.

Worth Hamilton, ex-'15, is on his father's fruit ranch at Grants Pass.

C. R. Betts, ex-'16 is at Stanford, taking the electrical course.

Roy Johnson is on his father's ranch at Gresham.

Miss Hazel L. Ralston, writes from Sweet Home, Linn county Oregon: "I desire to tell you that I am receiving the University News Bulletin and enjoy it exceedingly. By means of it and the Emerald, am kept in close touch and sympathy with the University, its various activities and undertakings. Too often after graduation, alumni, through change of environment and interest, lose their concern for the future and progress of the University.

Few of the young people here, who are for the most part in the Union High school, have ever been outside of this community, but we are endeavoring to show them that there is a world constantly advancing and progressing and especially that there is a college called the University of Oregon."

H. W. Fredrickson is now a doctor of optometry at Ontario, California. He is located in his father's bookstore at 141 N. Euclid avenue. Dr. Fredrickson reports that he is receiving the Oregon News Bulletin and Emerald regularly. He says: "I value the Alumni page very highly."

Walter J. Moore, writes to the Alumni section of the Emerald from Lorane, where he is principal of Union High school, No. 2 of Lane county. Mr. Moore reports that he receives and enjoys the News Bulletin. Mr. Moore has recently received letters from Wister W. Johnson, who is at West Lynn, Massachusetts.

Superintendent D. W. Wight of Yoncalla, Oregon, was omitted from the list of University graduates who are teaching in the state, published some time ago. Mr. Wight has completed all of the work necessary for graduation but owing to some technical regulation, had not yet been listed with the class of 1915 at the time that the compilation was made for the Emerald.

The schools of which Mr. Wight is superintendent, recently suffered a misfortune in the burning of the High School building. Associated with Mr. Wight at Yoncalla is Miss Mary Critser an alumna of the University of Oregon.

C. Harold Cochran, ex-'18, is employed in a bank at Pendleton.

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DEATH CLAIMS FIRST MEMBER OF '86 CLASS

Loyal to His Alma Mater for Thirty Years, W. I. Vawter Passes Away at Medford.

(By L. G. HULIN)

Of more than passing interest is the death of Hon. William Ira Vawter, of Medford. For the first time in its history, death has invaded the ranks of the class of 1886, University of Oregon, which consisted of seven members, as follows: George W. Dunn, ex-county judge of Jackson county, living at Ashland; William H. Gore, banker, of Medford; Frank A. Huffer, lawyer, of Tacoma, Wash.; Jennie McClure, teacher of Seattle; Ida Patterson, teacher of Eugene; William J. Roberts, teacher, of Olympia, Wash.; and Willaf Ira Vawter, banker of Medford.

After his graduation Mr. Vawter was elected to the principalship of the Eugene public schools and served the district in a most acceptable manner. As both teacher and administrator he proved his ability, which was of unusually high rank, and won the respect, esteem and admiration of all—both patrons and pupils—who came in touch with him. As a high-minded, Christian gentleman his influence for good was a strong and elevating factor in the lives of his pupils.

Was a Friend to "U."

Before leaving Eugene for other fields of labor he was married to one of Eugene's best known and most popular young ladies, Miss Etta Hill, the only daughter of one of the prominent families of our city, who resided at the corner of Tenth and Oak streets, just west of the Presbyterian church, where the two old "Hill" houses still stand. One of the Hill boys recently visited Eugene—the Rev. Clairborne M. Hill, D. D., president of the Pacific Coast (Baptist) Theological seminary, of Berkeley, California.

Vernon Hill Vawter, son of the deceased, graduated with the class of 1913, University of Oregon, and was a prominent member of the Glee club.

William I. Vawter's loyalty to his alma mater was always manifested at every opportunity. In our state legislative halls he was a friend of every measure that in any manner affected the interests of our state University, and in his death the school has lost a true and loyal friend and the state at large a valuable citizen.

EXTENSION MONITOR READY.

The first number of the Extension Monitor for this year, published by the school of Extension, is now being printed at the University printing shop, and will be ready for distribution Monday.

This Extension Monitor contains the following articles: "The Correlation of Nature Study," by Professor Sweetser; "Conservation of Talent in Schools," by Dr. Rebec; "The Modern Spirit in Mathematics" by Dr. Winger, and "Cooperation of Home and School," by Dr. De Busk. A mineral bulletin written by Professor Mitchell is at the bindery and will also be ready for distribution Monday.

DESIRES AMERICAN TREES.

Word has been sent to the University department of commerce that so successful has been the transplanting of trees from America to Norway that an expedition will be sent to the Western Coast of the United States during the coming spring to obtain more trees for the reforesting of that country.

Oratory students at the University of Michigan recently presented "The Servant in the House."

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