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#### A BIT OF HISTORY.

Review Secures a Bit of History Not Generally Known.

Recently one of our townsmen, William Wordsworth Goodrich, dropped into THE REVIEW office, and, in the course of conversation, grew reminiscent. From him the editor collated the following facts, for which history can vouch with no uncertain firmness:

"Many have wondered how this great Northwest became a part of Uncle Sam's domain—and but few know that to General LaFayette, of Revolutionary fame, is due the credit of the successful consummation of a happy idea. In 1784 General LaFayette came to this country upon a specific errand—although ostensibly to visit. His sole object was to thwart the scheming designs of Great Britain to annex this great Northwest to Britain's Colonial Empire. The Viscount De Haut De Lassus had kept General LaFayette informed in detail of these schemes of Great Britain. Through Spanish court intrigues, LaFayette knew that both Great Britain and the Spanish government were of one mind: each planning, if possible, to out-scheme the other in the attempt to seize and annex this great Northwest to its colonies.

"Each government fitted out a fleet for conquest—but the flag of 'Aragon' was the first to float over the territory. 'Aragon' and 'Oregon' are one and the same. The brass keels of the Spanish Armada now lie on the wave-beaten rocks of Bellingham Bay—a sad reminder of that same expedition—while the English fleet fared no less severely—for it was wrecked near the mouth of the Fraser river.

"The great wealth and possibilities of the Northwest were brought to the attention of General LaFayette by Captain William Goodrich, who commanded the 'Mississippi' from 1773 to 1789. In Captain Goodrich's numerous expeditions (he having navigated the 'Father of Waters' as far up as a keel would float) he learned from the Indians and the trappers and early nomadic settlers of the wonders of this great empire—now soon to be the 'Empire of the United States'—'Idaho,' 'Oregon' and 'Washington.'

"Captain Goodrich had learned of this coming great wealth that a Raphael could not paint: of its sublimity that no orator could depict—even in generalities; he learned of the poetry of the glaciers, sparkling with myriads of crystals, anent the canons' shadows and the smiling valleys' dimples; he learned of this great country soon to be the homes of thousands of happy prosperous people.

"What do we owe to General LaFayette? The salvation of the Colonial government; the annexation of this Northwest. The late Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, was once coming up the Hudson river in company with Thurlow Weed, on the Chancellor Livingston, when, in passing the Skiddy, Dana turned to Mr. Weed and said:

"I hope to see the time when on the Columbia river from its highest source to the sea will be seen boats of the Skiddy's size—or greater—plying its waters as the boats now ply the Hudson!"

"It was a prophecy soon fulfilled. The bar is deepening. The shoals are disappearing. Commerce is spreading its peaceful wings to the four quarters of the globe. The iron horse is bringing the vast products of the interior to the Port of Portland as the entrepot for the teeming millions of the Orient.

"General LaFayette came to America again in 1824—decrepit and bowed with grief by his terrible sufferings in that Austrian prison—all because he stood boldly for the equality of man and against the divine right of the ruling classes. And, by the way, Russia is now receiving her object lesson of this latter idea. Wherever General LaFayette went he was greeted with the glad acclaim of a free people. When he entered Dixie's portals a brave people in every locality strewed his way with smiling flowers of appreciation's matchless worth for the noble work that he had done. And this dearly-loved man—loved by Washington and by every true American—was the recipient of personal praise by every individual whom he met.

"Note what the settlers at Frank-

#### MAKE THEM SANITARY.

Unless Outhouses are Cared for Sickness will Follow.

Many of the most careful and cleanly persons are, perhaps unconsciously, allowing the odors and gases from outhouses to become extremely obnoxious—when by the expenditure of a few cents for lime all the unsanitary conditions could be eradicated.

We object, as a class, to living next to a slaughter-house, or a cattle-pen, or even to having a public pound in close proximity to our homes. This is because of the unhealthful odors which are prone to cause disease unless some antidote be secured. Yet, on the other hand, there are far too many who will carelessly allow accumulation of filth when a slight effort and a small expense will change conditions so that sanitation will prevail.

Every dweller within the city of St. Johns should invest in a quantity of lime and use it. It can be bought in small quantities. This is not an advertisement—but we'll say right here that Smith & Poff sell lime in any quantity at a very low figure. Twenty-five pounds will cost about a quarter at their place of business—and it is likely that a judicious use of it may save dollars where cents are spent.

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THE REVIEW urges that this method of preserving health be at once adopted—so that we may continue to boast of the excellent sanitary conditions which have heretofore existed.

#### Men's Meeting.

Sunday night the Y. M. C. A. of Portland had charge of a men's meeting at the Evangelical church. A great number of men, young and old, gathered to hear three young business men tell why a young man should be a Christian.

After the reading of the lesson by the leader, E. B. McNaughton, Mr. Godfrey, of the Rose City quartette, sang a solo; then followed a song by the congregation; after which H. W. Bonham told why a young man should be a Christian for social reasons. E. E. Mangold gave the practical reasons, and H. S. Gilbert spoke on the spiritual reasons. Mr. McNaughton gave a summing up talk, that was enjoyed by all.

A pleasing trio was rendered by the three members of the quartette who were present. Mr. Thinkman sang a solo and then the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Upshaw, of the Congregational church.

#### Baptists Organize.

Sunday in the Adventist church the Baptists adopted the constitution and by-laws that were presented by the committee and by that act became an organized body with 27 charter members.

August 3 will be held the first covenant and business meeting at which several committees will be appointed. Meetings will be held in the Adventist church every Sunday until other arrangements are made.

#### Baptist Open-Air Meetings.

About seventy-five Baptists gathered near the schoolhouse last Friday evening and held an open-air meeting. Rev. Hyden conducted the services and after an interesting talk by him, a short program was rendered by members of the choir from the White Temple. Miss Mabel Millis rendered several songs and Philip VanNise and Miss Millis gave a pleasing duet. Harold Rounds presided at the little organ and Mr. Smith played the cornet. About fifty visitors were present from Portland and University Park.

Another meeting will be held next Tuesday in the Point View district. All are cordially invited.

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fort, Kentucky, and at New Orleans, Louisiana, (where now hang the finest portraits of this esteemed man) said to this grand individual: "General LaFayette, you have saved to the United States its future greatest wealth-producing states, its sublime master-pieces of Nature's art, and what will ere long be the homes of its most charming people."

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#### Things Coming Our Way

Northern Pacific is Hunting for a River Crossing.

Railroad work is being pushed as rapidly as possible and prospects are that within thirty days something will be doing to awaken all business lines.

Rumors have been current that the Northern Pacific has positively abandoned the St. Johns crossing of the Willamette—but all conditions now point to the fact that the officials will stick to the original intention of crossing here at St. Johns and putting in a huge draw bridge.

Four or five routes have been surveyed from Vancouver to the banks of the Willamette, and soundings have been taken in several places in the river bed. Men have been stationed for a three-day period several times to count every boat passing in either direction during the 72 hours—in order to ascertain how many times the draw would have to open during the busy season. The total number of vessels requiring the opening of the draw cannot be ascertained; but these counts were averaged in order to secure all probable details of expense and bother. The draw on the new bridge will work by electricity—and a figure has been quoted the Northern Pacific by the Portland General Electric Company as to the cost of such service.

One of the lines surveyed passes directly through the home of A. M. Roberts and continues across the tract of land now being tilled by a Chinaman as a vegetable garden. The general trend of all these lines is from the Willamette bank at a point about 150 yards above where the Columbia Slough empties into the river, north and east across the Catton property and the site of the great Weyerhaeuser lumber plant, through the woods bordering the county road leading to the Ogden place—and crossing the road close to Mr. Ogden's gate: from there the route runs direct to Vancouver in the vicinity of the Simmons property.

This continued activity without doubt indicates that the Northern Pacific is actually in earnest regarding the building of this big bridge and the final abandonment of the ferry at Goble; and each step along the work will be anxiously considered by the residents of St. Johns.