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DECENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.
 Interesting Services at the First Presbyterian Church—Historic Reminiscences.

The 10th anniversary of the organization of the First Presbyterian church of this city, was celebrated with appropriate services last Sunday.

In the morning the pastor delivered a memorial sermon, taking as his text, "These Stones Shall be a Memorial to the Children of Israel Forever." There was communion service in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and in the evening the sermon was historical. The text was from Zachariah 4:10—"Who Hath Despised the Day of Small Things." Rev. Montgomery then gave a brief history of the beginning of Presbyterianism on the Pacific slope, telling how Dr. Marcus Whitman and others commenced missionary work on this coast.

In 1834 Rev. Parker and Dr. Whitman attended the annual gathering of Hudson Bay traders at Fort Hall, and while there met some Nez Perce Indians, who invited them to go along and do missionary work among their people. Dr. Whitman had already been to the Oregon section, and was on his way East to bring out a company of immigrants. Rev. Parker returned with the Indians, Dr. Spaulding and Mr. Gray also, did missionary work among the Indians.

The first Presbyterian church on the Pacific coast was formed at Willapa, near Walla Walla in 1838. Soon after that a Presbyterian church was formed at Lapwai, now in the Nez Perce reservation, Idaho. In 1839 or 1840 a Presbyterian church was organized and met in Day & Robertson's store in that part of Oregon City then called Lynn City. The building stood near where the lockhouse now stands. The congregation met there for several years, a number of people still living, who attended services in this building. In 1845, by a vote of the congregation, it became the First Congregational church of Oregon City. Dr. Whitman, no doubt, attended services in this church, occasionally, as he was a frequent visitor to Oregon City. About the same time the Oregon City church was organized, one was established at Forest Grove, which subsequently became a Congregational church.

Some years ago there was an Associated Presbyterian organization here, Rev. Blain, of Albany, occasionally holding services.

In 1888 Rev. E. T. Engle was commissioned to go Oregon City as a missionary for the Presbyterian church. As a result, in 1889, the following persons petitioned for the organization of a Presbyterian church: J. M. Bacon, Mrs. R. W. Bacon, L. C. Caples, Mrs. Anna R. Caples, C. A. Rands, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rands, R. D. Price and family, Mary Roberts, S. A. Schoonover and wife, S. G. Schoonover, Mrs. L. E. Phillips, Mrs. T. Berger.

The church was formally organized on October 28th, 1889, the first meeting being held in the Baptist church by special permission. Following was the appointed committee that formed the new church organization: Rev. W. O. Forbes, Thomas Boyd, D. D., A. J. Brown, D. D., and Elders William Wadhams and R. K. Warren, of Portland. The church was organized with the following nine members, although the others who had signed the petition became members later:

R. G. Schoonover, Emma Schoonover, E. M. Rands, Anna R. Caples, E. M. Rands and wife, Mary Burge, Mrs. Mary Roberts, L. C. Caples.

For some time the new congregation met in a little dwelling where Mrs. P. F. Morey's residence now stands, until another place was secured later. Rev. E. T. Engle supplied the pulpit for a few months. Rev. G. W. Giboney was pastor until October, 1894, when the present church building was dedicated, and was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. A. J. Montgomery.

The growth of the Oregon City Presbyterian church has been slow, steady and continuous. It was built on a firm foundation, and has continued to advance in a prosperous way. Since the church was organized nine years ago with nine members, 315 additions have been made to the membership, 163 by confession and 143 by letter. During this period \$15,222 was collected for congregational expenses, and \$1211 was paid for benevolent purposes.

The church was prettily decorated, and the choir provided excellent music for the celebration services.

THE BLUE RIVER MINES.

The Oregon City stockholders in the Blue River mines may yet become bloated bondholders, as the most encouraging reports are being received from there. The Eugene Guard of a late date says:

The Blue River mining district has been prospected by miners ever since the '60's and it has been known that the quartz was rich in gold. During the past five years considerable permanent development work has been indulged in. The Lucky Boy mine, owned by the Brownville company has run several feet of tunnels and uncovered a rich ledge.

About a month ago F. C. Sharkey, a member of the Zimmermann Packing Cor. of Portland, and a well known miner, with other associates, purchased an extensive interest in the claims. Mr. Sharkey has taken personal supervision of the mine and now has a force of men building a road to his newly acquired property, and is also building a number of cabins for workmen.

A ten-stamp mill of the latest pattern has been ordered from Chicago and it is expected to arrive in Eugene in about two or three weeks. The mill will be taken to the mines at once and in due time will be placed in position. By early spring it will be hammering gold out of the rich quartz of that district.

A letter received this morning from Blue River by the Guard, says that Mr. Sharkey has hired 40 men to work on the four miles of road needed to reach the Lucky Boy mine. He estimates that a good road can be constructed this distance for the sum of \$4,000, which his company is furnishing.

The other day Joseph Peplot, with one team, hauled 1,500 pounds of freight to the Blue River Mining Company's mine. This mine is owned by Oregon City parties.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

About 20 Oregon City people went to Portland last Friday to see the basketball game. The Portland team rang in new players, but after all their unlawful maneuverings, only beat our team by a score of 13 to 12. The next game will be played here tonight, and a social will be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Rev. William Mullen, of the Moody institute, Chicago, will address the Sunday afternoon meeting.

A mass meeting of Association workers will be held at the Methodist church Sunday, Nov 13th. The work will be represented by several speakers. This will be the beginning of the Y. M. C. A. week of prayer.

The Banker's Boy Again.

Boy—Pa, what do we mean by gold standard—double standard and silver standard. Demy says we had the double standard up to 1873.

Pa—Now you have asked something I can explain to you. You learned at school the standard tables. They are the legal rates for different kinds of measurements, &c. The government selects a pound, as the standard weight, and all the pound measures, with their multiples and fractional parts must correspond with those of the government. A yard measure is the unit of length, and the gallon is a measure of capacity. Each measure can be used in its own plane but you could not find out how many feet long is this room by a pound weight, nor could you tell the weight of an ore by a yard stick. It takes weight to measure weight, length to measure length, capacity or volume to measure volume. In like manner, it takes a measure that possesses value to measure value. You could no more make a piece of a piece of paper, than you could measure the length of this table by a mathematical point, or something by nothing. Real money is a measure of values.

Boy—Well pa, I know you make no difference at the bank in paying out gold, silver or paper, how can people take the paper for money if it is not as good as the gold.

Pa—It is, as good as gold if it represents gold. You see it takes a measure in his secretary? I might call this document a piece of land. Its real name is a deed, but it is made to represent a farm and the man who obtains this piece of paper, made to represent the real dollar, is called a dollar. You can get as much of anything in the market or pay debts with it at the same rate of value as the dollars it represents.

Boy—Could we not use the paper called a dollar altogether and do without the real dollar.

Pa—No more than you could use a deed to a farm, without the farm, it would be of no use, and perfectly valueless.

Boy—Is it necessary to have gold for real money? Why would not silver do as well.

Pa—Silver has been used for real money and so has coon skins, but the coon skins were not a convenient kind of money and has not become universal like silver and gold.

Boy—Which is the oldest money silver or gold.

Pa—They have both been used as long as we have any knowledge of things.

Boy—Is silver a real money as well as gold or does silver only represent gold like paper does.

Pa—Since 1873 one standard money or real money has been gold only. We are on the gold standard. Our silver dollar now goes at the rate of 25 8/10 gold and not at the rate of 37 1/4 grains of silver.

Boy—When a man brings a check to the bank. Is the check a kind of money.

Pa—It is sometimes used as money. On receiving a check any one can sign it and pass it to another, who might use it again to discharge a debt or purchase something with it, but the original owner does not pay his debt with that check until it is presented at the bank and the money handed out. In like manner the government can issue paper currency which is only a deferred payment. All paper implies the future payment in some form, and the more paper the government issues, the more is the debt of the nation increased. All advocates of paper money even the most socialistic like, the New Time, agree that the amount must be strictly limited and hedged about by numbers of safe-guards to keep it good.

Boy—If we had the double standard again with the free coinage of silver, I suppose all the silver, then which the people could get coined, would be so much real money and entail no indebtedness on the future.

COUNCIL MEETING.
 Compromise Amendment to the Fire Department Ordinance Adopted.

All the members of the city council were present Wednesday evening, except Metzner. On motion of Latourrette that portion of the minutes stating that is ordered that the Sixth street arc light be removed to the foot of Singer hill, was ordered stricken out. E. Mathias was granted a liquor license. The recorder's report showed that seven burial permits.

Arthur Millin presented a minority report against paying \$355 for the new fire bell, but the majority report of the committee was adopted and the bill ordered paid. E. D. Olds was paid \$390 in full for the Abeaneshy road contract. Dan Lyons was allowed \$149 85, balance on contract and crushed rock furnished. The bill of Harry Sloper for \$64 50 damages for killing a horse, was referred to the city attorney.

An amendment was added to the fire department giving the Volunteer firemen three members of the fire commission and the privilege of electing the chief.

The following judges and clerks were appointed for the city election to be held on the first Monday in December: Polling Place No. 1—M. E. Willoughby, J. G. Pilebury, C. W. Friedrich, Judges; J. W. Boatman and N. M. Moody, clerks. No 2—G. H. Wishart, C. C. Babcock, sr, J. G. Porter, Judges; T. S. Lawrence and G. H. Bestow, clerks.

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TEACHERS' MEETING.
 An Interesting Gathering at Carus Last Saturday.

About 40 teachers are reported to have attended the regular monthly meeting of the Clackamas County Educational Association at Carus, last Saturday. Vice-President T. J. Gary presided in the absence of County Superintendent Strange. Mrs. ... of Carus, gave a most cordial address of welcome.

In the absence of Miss Porter, Miss Jennie E. Rowen was elected secretary pro tem.

Excellent music was furnished the gathering by Miss Lula Hayward and Mrs. Lindsay.

Charles P. Tallman presented history, and was followed with remarks on the topic by Miss Gertrude Finley, O. H. Byland and T. J. Gary.

Geography was presented by Miss Finley, and H. S. Gibson, L. L. Moore and others participated in the discussion that followed.

A splendid dinner was served to the visiting teachers at the home of Will Jones by the Carus people.

In the history discussion the matter was brought up as to the advisability of teaching all the truths in history, as of teaching there were traits in the characters of great men that were immoral. The sentiment prevailed in favor of teaching the truth, but to avoid bringing up the bad features, as much as possible.

Shirley Buck, of Canby, presented "Maxwell's Grammar, and How to Teach It." He was followed in the discussion by Miss Finley and Mr. Gibson. Miss Lizzie McDonnell, of West Oregon City, presented "Hygiene." She explained disease germs, and told how the board of health of Michigan had reduced disease in the schoolroom by the application of hygienic principles. Resolutions of sympathy were expressed for County Superintendent Strange, and it was unanimously voted to send him a copy of the resolutions to Mr. Strange at St. Vincent's hospital.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Association at Sunnyside.

Many of the Carus patrons of the school were in attendance, and took an active interest in the proceedings.

Prof. O. H. Byland is the principal of the Carus school, which now has about 50 pupils. This is his second year. The school house is in excellent condition, and is neatly kept.

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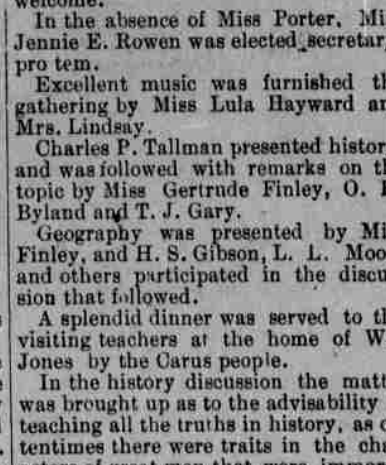
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