

DEDICATE HOME OF McLOUGHLIN

Excellent Exercises at Home of Oregon's Famous Benefactor

TALKS BY BRILLIANT SPEAKERS

Grand Old Man of Pioneer Days Eulogized in Glowing Words.—Much Credit Due to Memorial Association

One of the greatest events of our historic old city took place at McLaughlin park on the bluff at the foot of Seventh street Sunday, when the old McLaughlin home, purchased by the McLaughlin Memorial Association and moved from its old site to its present one in the park, the identical ground presented to the city by Dr. McLaughlin, for a public park, a few years prior to his passing away.

Through the efforts of the association, the old building, which was nearing a state of delapidation, was removed to where it now stands, a gift to the city, and restored to its original condition, making it an attractive object of interest, a valuable historic structure. The association met with much opposition to the placing of the historic old building on its present and permanent site, and efforts were made to have its removal to its new location permanently enjoined by the court, but all obstacles were overcome, and the unusually large attendance at the dedication of the restored building showed the appreciation of the patriotic people of this city of the good work of the association.

At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the park was well filled with a large, attentive and appreciative public. The Oregon City Concert band, under the leadership of Mr. B. T. McBain, struck up an inspiring overture, and Mayor Carl delivered an eloquent and pathetic opening address, bidding a cordial welcome to the distinguished speakers who came from afar to participate in the exercises of the day, eulogizing him whose memory all came to celebrate, and thanking the people for their attendance.

The platform was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and a large portrait of Dr. McLaughlin graced the doorway of the old building back of the platform. The members of the Grand Army post and Women's Relief Corps, delegations from the Pioneers' Association, and the following ladies and gentlemen

occupied seats on the platform: Mrs. Myrick, grand daughter of Dr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, the distinguished authoress, Mayor Carl, Hon. F. V. Holman of Portland president of the Oregon Historical Society; E. G. Canfield, cashier of the Bank of Oregon City and president of the McLaughlin Memorial Association; P. H. D'Arcy, vice president of the Oregon Pioneer Association, with his sisters the Misses D'Arcy, of Salem; Rev. Thomas Sherman, son of the famous Wm. T. Sherman; Rev. A. Hillsbrand; O. H. Dye, J. E. Hodges, G. A. Harding, O. H. Canfield, Ex-Governor Geer, E. E. Brodie, Wm. Sheahan, E. D. Kelley, H. L. Kelley, Capt. Thomas S. Mountain, Mrs. Mary LaForest, at whose wedding dinner Dr. McLaughlin presided; F. X. Mathieu, only living survivor of those who formed the provisional government; Joseph Barstow, James Chase, the man who had the distinction of making and Mr. Miller, the tinsmith who sealed the zinc lining of the coffin in which all that was earthly of Dr. McLaughlin was laid to rest. Other pioneers and guests present were: Mrs. Crandall, of the Dalles, who has been so instrumental in the restoration of Fort Dalles; Miss Mollie Holmes, Mrs. Daniel O'Neil, Mrs. Arthur Warner, Mrs. A. E. Latourette, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Sumner, H. L. Stratton, C. D. Roberson, John Minto of Salem, Warner Bryman, of Salem, Mrs. Anna Cahalin, Daniel Leby and wife and Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Smith of Portland; Mrs. J. W. Norris, Mrs. Catherine Kelley, Joseph Bechtel, Gasp. J. T. Apperson, Mrs. E. E. Follows, Dr. Canfield, Mrs. K. L. Newton, Sidney Richardson.

Mayor Carl introduced the first speaker, Hon. F. V. Holman, who with burning words of eloquence held the audience spell-bound with his glowing eulogy to the memory of Dr. John McLaughlin, poet, pioneer and benefactor of Oregon.

At the close of Mr. Holman's address,

the band played "Old Folks at Home," "Dixie" and "My Old Kentucky Home," and Chairman Carl introduced Rev. Thomas Sherman, son of the Civil War hero, General William T. Sherman. Father Sherman said that the Catholic church, before departed members can be canonized and enrolled as saints, requires that they must have a miracle performed by the agency of their relics or remains. A miracle is something beyond the power of man, and the fact that Dr. McLaughlin's old home traveled from its old site in a dingy part of the city, soaring upward, overcoming all obstacles placed in its path of travel by ignorance, prejudice and bigotry, reaching its goal high up on the bluff, where it now sits, a queen upon a throne, over looking and smiling upon the ancient city below, is a miracle, and the good old doctor must be a saint. The reverend speaker congratulated the people of the city on the occasion, and also on the acquisition of the McLaughlin Institute as a temple of learning.

Father Sherman was followed by Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, the authoress of "McLaughlin and Old Oregon," a work that spread the fame of the venerable pioneer all over the civilized world, who told of a recent trip to the far East and visits to the old landmarks of our nation's history. "Virginia has its Mount Vernon, where repose the ashes of the immortal Washington; New York her Fort Ticonderoga, West Point and Castle William; New England the battlefields of Concord, Lexington and Bunker Hill and her old revolutionary buildings; Texas, her Alamo; California her old missions, and we will point with pride to our old historic landmark, the home of Dr. John McLaughlin, the "Father of Oregon."

Hon. P. H. D'Arcy was introduced by the chairman, and said: "Today is a day of congratulation for the four states of the Northwest, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana. Oregon City is to be congratulated that she contains his sacred ashes. Here he rests and she claims him to her breast. He reposes in the oldest city west of the Rocky mountains. John McLaughlin came of Scottish and Irish parents, in whose veins also ran the haughty Norman blood. Charlemagne, when he first saw the galleys of the Norman Vikings, wept for the future of the Franks. They came to France, intermarried among the Franks and infused a new blood into them. They conquered the Anglo-Saxons, and later marrying in England, produced the present hardy race of that land. When Peter the Hermit called upon Christian kings to rescue the holy sepulchre from the Saracens, the Norman blood was there. The Mahometans were routed by Charles Martel with his Norman followers, and Norman blood saved Europe from Islamism at the battle of Lepanto. The Hudson Bay Company saw the Americans of the far east, of Norman blood too, coming here, saw the time come when they must give up, and John McLaughlin by his kindness to these hardy pioneers brought about the conditions that made the Northwest an important portion of our American nation. The most beautiful object kissed by the zephyrs of heaven is the starry flag, and it is due to John McLaughlin that that banner today waves in the breezes of Oregon."



The Old Home of Dr. McLaughlin as it stands today, overlooking the City from the Palisades. Showing a portion of the crowd attending Dedication Services. (PHOTO BY TUCKER, OREGON CITY)

The following are the officers and directors of the McLaughlin Memorial Association, which was formed for the purpose of initiating a movement to restore the McLaughlin Home, and whose work success has crowned: Hon. E. G. Canfield, president; Hon. Geo. A. Harding, vice president; Chas. H. Canfield, treasurer; E. E. Brodie, secretary; directors, Rev. A. Hillsbrand, Dr. W. E. Carl, Judge J. U. Campbell, Hon. J. E. Hodges, C. D. Latourette, O. H. Dye, and Mr. William Sheahan. These gentlemen received maternal assistance from President F. V. Holman of the Historical Society, Secretary Himes of the Pioneers, and P. W. Sullivan of the Catholic Sentinel.

Besides the Concert Band, the G. A. R. file and drum corps rendered old war time airs on fife and drums that were played over half a century ago on battlefields in Dixie.

BIG PRIZE SENT HERE

Two Foot Cut From "Balm of Gilead" Tree

FOR McLOUGHLIN HOME

President Canfield Received Valuable Addition to McLaughlin Relics

C. G. Canfield, president of the McLaughlin Memorial Association, has just received in a splendid state of preservation, a large cut about two feet in thickness from the famous old "Witness tree" at Vancouver, Washington, the gift of E. Bolton, a former Oregon City resident. The inscription on which is authentic is attached to the block and reads as follows:

Vancouver, Wash., U. S. A.
This block was cut from a "Balm of Gilead Tree" which stood on the north bank of the Columbia river at the foot of Main street, in the City of Vancouver, Washington. It was known as the "The Old Witness Tree" having been for many years a monument marking the first surveys made by the Hudson Bay Co. under the direction of Dr. John McLaughlin, who established the Hudson Bay Trading Post at the spot adjoining the town of Vancouver, now occupied by the government as Vancouver Barracks Military Post.

Under the spreading branches of this historic tree Dr. John McLaughlin made the first peace and trade treaties with the Indians of the Columbia River country. It was carefully preserved and revered by the inhabitants of the city of Vancouver for over sixty years but finally in the month of July, 1909, it succumbed to the ravages of decay and the encroaching waters of the Columbia and one morning it was found where it had fallen upon the quietly swelling bosom of the mighty stream by whose tide it had stood guard for so many years.

This block was cut from a branch about forty feet above the base of the trunk.

Mr. Canfield is daily receiving offers from people in the city and from afar to be permitted to donate some relic to the McLaughlin Home. It will not be long before the place will be one of the greatest attractions for tourists in the West.

DROWNS AT MILWAUKIE

Portland Pastor Loses Life in River

TRYING TO SAVE SON

Sad Sequel to Portland Party's Labor Day Outing on Willamette

In an effort to save the life of Philip his four-year-old son, Rev. T. A. Cullen, pastor of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Portland, met death in the waters of the Willamette river at Milwaukie Monday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Cullen and son were members of a pleasure party of twelve who left Portland in a launch to enjoy a short Labor Day excursion on the river. They came up the river as far as Oswego, where they took lunch, and were on their way back to the city when the sad accident occurred. While passing Milwaukie at 4 o'clock, young Cullen, who was sitting in the bow of the boat, was sailing his feet in the water, was thrown in the river by a sudden lurch of the craft. Immediately his father, who was said to be an excellent swimmer, jumped in to save him, but he sank before the real of the party knew he was in danger. The son was rescued by David Sholin, another member of the party, but the father could not be found. Ten men then dragged the river, which at this point is at least 80 feet deep, and the remains were found half an hour later. Everything possible to resuscitate him was tried, but all efforts were in vain.

It is the general supposition that Cullen took a cramp soon as he struck the water. The remains were taken to Portland, where the funeral services were held later.

EZRA MEEKER'S OX TEAM HERE

Old-time "Prairie Schooner" Attracted Many

Was Used By Pioneer In Journey From Pacific Coast to National Capital

The "Ezra Meeker Ox Team" with which that venerable old pioneer crossed the old pioneer trail across the continent a few years ago, was in Oregon City Wednesday afternoon, and attracted a great deal of attention. The wagon is the exact replica of the type used in the early days by the hardy army of pioneers who crossed the burning American desert and made this glorious western country what it is today. Drawn by two mammoth oxen, Meeker, with two companions, left Puyallup, Wash., in the vehicle on January 29, 1846. They followed the old trail, and arrived at the nation's capital November 29, 1847, after traversing a distance of 3650 miles, making the trip in 22 months. The outfit which visited this city was identically the same as was used on the trip, even the same oxen were used as a motive power.

During their stay in this city, the couple who accompanied Meeker across the continent sold a number of post cards, said to have been taken enroute. The sight of the once familiar method of travel brought recollections of bygone days to many a pioneer who noticed the visitors.

MILWAUKIE WORKS FOR EXTENSION

The Milwaukie Commercial Club is pushing a project to have the Portland Railway, Light and Power's electric line extended from a point on the Greenham line to Oregon City. Several prominent Milwaukie men are doing all in their power to have the work done. The new line would run through a district untouched by any electric road and pass through the new government rifle range at Clackamas. About ten miles of new track would be required.

HON. E. G. CAUFIELD



President of McLaughlin Memorial Association, to whom greatest credit is due for the restoration of the old home and its removal to present location.

A NEW MARKET FOR PRODUCE

Commission House to Be Established in Oregon City at Once

LOCAL CAPITAL IS INTERESTED

County Has Long Been in Need of Such an Enterprise and It Should Be Given Hearty Support.—Capitalization \$15,000

For some time people have been trying to arrange for a commission house in this city, knowing the value of such a location for this line of business, and knowing the need for such a business in this county and for the fact that so much of such business has been going to cities it has been something to a hard matter to get the business started on anything like a paying basis without the support of the farmers throughout the county. There has been considerable work done along this line with a number of our citizens and it has had the effect of creating really a demand for the business. Having this foundation some of our citizens have taken the matter up and within the past few days have organized a stock company for the purpose of carrying on a commission house in a very substantial manner.

The personnel of the subscribers to the stock company capitalized at \$15,000 is made up of substantial business men who have means and push to carry the business to its deserved success, and is composed of the following gentlemen: T. F. Rourke, R. B. Beatie, A. L. Beatie, E. A. Sommer, Thomas F. Ryan, Jos. E. Hodges, Grant B. Dimick, O. D. Eby, G. A. Harding, W. A. Huntley, J. W. Loder, L. Adams, W. A. Showman, Jr. At a meeting of the stock holders

held Tuesday evening the following directors and officers were elected: A. L. Beatie, president; E. A. Sommer, vice president; T. F. Rourke, secretary and general manager; directors, T. F. Rourke, A. L. Beatie, E. A. Sommer, J. E. Hodges, W. A. Huntley.

It is the plan of the company to at once get right into the harness and with the management of Mr. Rourke, who for the past thirty years has been in the commission business, to build up a business for the benefit of the county that will have a very wide scope. This matter should have the attention of every farmer in the whole county, as it has been a very severe task for people who have had produce to offer to the markets of the world to find a suitable place near at hand where a quick disposition might be made, and now right in their midst there has been brought about the very market they have been seeking, and in which they will be able to dispose of their produce and at a price that will overreach anything obtainable in the cities, as the rents in the smaller places and the cost of handling will in no wise compare with the same items in the city. These features will be taken in at once by the producers and a buying and selling on a satisfactory basis will be the result, and in quantities in a short time beyond the demand of the producers.



EDWARD H. HARRIMAN.

E. H. Harriman is dead. Wizard of railroad and financial world passed away Thursday afternoon at Arden home. Great excitement prevails in Wall Street, and in the stock markets of the world. No death in the history of the United States has so affected the financial centers. Wires expressing condolence from every great interest in the United States pouring into Arden.

YOUTH IS SENT TO REFORM SCHOOL

Rock Throwing Parkplace Lad Is Given Sentence by Judge Dimick

Albert Lamp, the 12-year-old Parkplace lad who was taken into custody last week by Constable Miles for throwing stones through the S. P. Company's car windows, was sentenced to the reform school Friday afternoon by Judge Dimick of the Juvenile Court. Young Lamp did not deny that he had thrown through the car windows, one rock striking a woman passenger. In addition, he also admitted that he had placed bolts on the track with intent to wreck the train.

He was taken to the state institution Friday night by Constable Miles.

Rev. Malkey of the Gladstone church, after laboring without cessation for sixteen months, is taking a vacation of two weeks. Sunday, September 26, is set apart as Dedication Day. One hundred years ago an association of christian people of various denominations was formed in Washington, Pa., declared their independence of creeds and addressed the christian world on the importance of christians everywhere uniting on the Bible alone. This has grown until now they number a million and a third at this date. The ministers of this church are registered to celebrate this day in all their eight thousand pulpits. The church at Gladstone will avail themselves of the opportunity to set before those who are desirous of knowing all the principles of Christ a brief outline of the aims, object and principles of this movement. Further notices will be given.

MRS. SECREST CALLED BY DEATH

Oregon City Woman Succumbs to Lingerin Illness—Buried Monday

After a lingering illness, Mrs. Josephine Secrest died Sunday night at the family residence on Sixteenth and High streets. Death was caused by dropsy. Mrs. Secrest was born October 28, 1848, in Clark County, Mich., and for a number of years she has been a resident of this state. In addition to her husband, George Secrest, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Alice Hanson, Mrs. Bernice Schafer and Mrs. Angeline Emery, as well as one son, Albert J. Secrest. In addition to these she is survived by two step children, George Secrest and Mrs. Esther Chibber, both of whom reside in this city.

The funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the family residence, being conducted by Rev. R. C. Backwell, pastor of the Methodist church. The remains were interred in Mountain View Cemetery.

EDUCATIONAL DAY AT MULINO GRANGE

Members Will Be Addressed by Supt. Gary and Judge Dimick on Timely Topic

Elaborate arrangements are being made by the members of Molalla Grange No. 40, P. O. H. of Mulino, for their next meeting, which will be held Saturday afternoon. This will be the Grange's "Educational Day," and addresses on this important subject will be made by County Judge Grant B. Dimick and County School Superintendent T. J. Gary, both of this city.

In addition speeches will be made by several members of this Grange. It is more than probable that at this meeting arrangements will be made for the Grange Fair.

NOTICE TO THRESHERMEN.

The Courier has published and has on sale some very handy order books with time pages attached, for the use of Threshermen. Already several Threshermen throughout the county have called for these books and have expressed themselves as finding the books just what they need to not only have a signed order from their customers, but also to have a handy time record for men in their employ. Call at the Courier and get one of these handy record books.

Rainfall For Five Years

The precipitation of rain for the past five years has been as follows: For 1905, 51 inches; 1906, 49 inches; 1907, 56.45 inches; 1908, 59 inches; 1909, 43.45 inches. Record is for each year commencing and ending on September 1st. The greatest precipitation for each year has been from September to March following.

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