

THE "ENTERPRISE" CLOSES ITS FIRST QUARTER CENTURY.

History and Reminiscence of Local and General Interest—The Pioneer Press.

When the ENTERPRISE was burned out on January 10, 1885, the files of the paper were destroyed, so it is very difficult to trace its history accurately. Investigation has been set on foot, however, that will result in developing the facts and dates of the paper's vicissitudinous career fully and accurately, and they will be given at some future time. A few of the more important features of its history are here briefly sketched.

The first number of the ENTERPRISE appeared October 27, 1868, with D. C. Ireland as editor and proprietor. The publication office was on the second floor of the old Occidental hotel, at the corner of Main and Sixth streets—the building that was previously the capitol of Oregon territory. Mr. Ireland published the paper about three years when he sold it to John Myers, who employed Mr. McKinney, a lawyer, and E. D. Kelly to run the concern. Under Ireland the paper was republican in politics, but Myers made it an independent sheet with decidedly democratic proclivities. M. H. Abbott had the ENTERPRISE a short time and then A. Noltner purchased the property and brought it out as a straight democratic organ. Frank Demont was the next proprietor. He brought the paper back to republicanism, and late in the '70's sold it to John Rock, who continued that policy for the four or five years of his proprietorship. In 1874 Dr. J. A. White purchased the ENTERPRISE from Mr. Rock, and Dr. White sold out to E. M. Rands January 2, 1887. Mr. Rands continued its publication till the spring of 1889, when Charles Meserve bought it. The only further change in the management was made last September when J. M. Lawrence purchased a half interest in the concern and a division of labor was made, Mr. Meserve taking the business management and Mr. Lawrence the editorial charge of the paper. Except under Myers, Abbott and Noltner the ENTERPRISE has always been steadfastly republican in politics.

From the old territorial building the ENTERPRISE was moved to its present location, but when this building came to be used for a court house the paper moved to the next block southward and took quarters in the J. Schram building, where a disastrous fire overtook it in 1885. After that it came back to the building from which it had been crowded and it has continued to occupy quarters here ever since.

Among the people who assisted in starting the ENTERPRISE were Major Charman, Arthur Warren, who was then in partnership with Mr. Charman, Hon. Peter Paquet, W. P. Burns, W. W. Luck and John Flemming, the last of whom was then postmaster in Oregon City. Mr. Flemming was the first type on the Pacific coast and he was a valuable aid in getting out the early numbers of the paper. Many others contributed to the success of the ENTERPRISE but their names are not known to the writer.

This paper is now owned by the men who edit and manage it. It is republican because it believes in the republican doctrine of government. It believes the people in general appreciate a paper that is clean, honest and progressive and no effort is spared to make the ENTERPRISE such a paper.

THE PIONEER PRESS.

Early Newspapers that Lived and Died in Oregon City.

The first newspaper published on the Pacific coast was the Oregon Spectator which appeared at Milwaukie, in this county, in 1846. It was printed on a press brought from the Sandwich Islands in 1830. The next paper on the coast was the Californian, at Monterey, November 29, 1850, the first issue of the Western Star appeared at Milwaukie.

On the 21st day of March, 1851, the first number of the Oregon Statesman appeared in Oregon City, under the management of Asahel Bush. It was started as a democratic organ, and was the third newspaper in the territory, the Oregonian having been launched upon the journalistic sea, December 9th, 1850. Two years afterward the seat of government of the territory was removed to Salem, and the Statesman as the official organ, followed in the wake of the territorial officers. The Statesman has changed to republican in politics and it is now recognized as one of the most influential papers of the Northwest.

In 1850 D. J. Schnebley purchased the Spectator office, and continued the publication of the paper until the spring of 1854, when he turned the office over to C. L. Goodrich (Mr. Schnebley retaining the ownership of the materials) who carried on the paper for one year, when it was discontinued, in March, 1855; and this was the end of the Oregon Spectator.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. W. L. Adams, of Yamhill, purchased the entire material of the Spectator office, and on the 21st day of April, 1855, issued the first number of the Oregon Argus, which ap-

peared regularly every Saturday for eight years, with one exception, that one being Saturday, the 7th day of December, 1861, the week of the great flood, when the rising waters compelled the hasty removal of the materials. These were carried across the street and deposited upon the sidewalk in front of Wilde's gunsmith shop, (directly opposite the present Enterprise office) where they remained until the river subsided sufficiently to allow a return to their former quarters. The office for several years had occupied the building on the site now belonging to E. D. Kelly, which was destroyed in the fire of January, 1885. The Argus was a six-column, four-page paper, the sheet 24x36 inches in size. The type was the same that had been in use since the first issue of the Spectator in 1846, and made a very fair impression. In 1858 some new body type was purchased, which added much to the appearance of the paper. Many improved fonts of job type were added to the establishment from time to time. Mr. Adams published the Argus four years, and then sold the paper to D. W. Craig, who had been the printer and foreman of the establishment for Mr. Adams. In politics the paper was republican, and under the lead of Mr. Adams it battled vigorously for the principles of the party until success was achieved by the election of Lincoln in 1860, and it stood manfully by his administration in its efforts to suppress the rebellion. Mr. Craig continued the publication of the Argus in Oregon City for four years, and then, in May 1864, he moved the paper to Salem.

During its existence at Oregon City the Argus attained a wide circulation, considering the infancy of the country, and under the able management of Mr. Adams, it exerted a powerful influence in shaping the anti-slavery sentiment of the territory and state, being the only avowed republican paper in Oregon during the time mentioned. W. Carey Johnson and the late Jos. D. Loeey, both young men who had once been compositors in the office, occasionally assisted in the editorial department in the absence of the editor, and their literary contributions were always valuable. It was in the Argus office that feminine help was first utilized in printing on the Pacific coast, where now it is so common as to be unnoticed. But few offices in the United States at that time had availed themselves of this kind of assistance, which has since proved so useful and efficient. Although young, these girls, Inez and Helen, daughters of Mr. Adams, became finished compositors, and for years, under their deft fingers, the busy types noisily rattled and "sang of mutation."

The files of the Argus, as well as of the Spectator, contain a full record of the incidents occurring in the county of Clackamas and in the territory, during the period of their publication, and are valuable repositories of information for making up a history of the times. As bearing on the flood of 1861, so disastrous to Oregon City, a reference to the Argus will show the total loss to the city at that time, as contained in a report of a citizens' committee appointed to ascertain the loss, of which D. P. Thompson was chairman. The losses totaled up \$170,000, the total being greater by \$50,000 than the damage sustained by the flood of 1899.

The press upon which the Spectator and the Argus were printed was a No. 7 Washington, of Hoe's manufacture. From Salem it was sold to an office in Roseburg, in 1861, and from there it was brought back to Eugene City, and is now used in printing the Journal of that place.

Bishop Scott, of the Episcopal church, in October, 1861, began the publication of the Oregon Churchman, a small eight-page monthly, devoted to church literature, from materials of his own, the printing being done by D. W. Craig, of the Argus. The publication of the Churchman continued for two years, and was then stopped for want of adequate support.

During the war, in 1862, Aaron H. Cornelius issued a small monthly paper devoted to the interests of the soldiers in the field. It was called The Sanitarian, a name coined by S. W. Moss for the purpose, and was printed on the Argus press, although the type was "set up" elsewhere.

REMINISCENT.

The Golden, Olden Glory of the Days Gone By.

Ten years ago this coming winter I worked in the old ENTERPRISE office as a printer,—not a compositor, mind you, but a good, old-fashioned, plain printer. Mr. John Rock—whom most of us remember as a beloved teacher in the old white "seminary" fenced round with young, spicy fir trees, on the hill, and who has now gone down into that dim, pale valley where so many of our loved ones have gone—was then editor of the paper; Johnny Kelly, the Irrepressible, was foreman, awfully cross sometimes, but always genuinely good at heart; and Thurston Johnson, now of the Oregonian, was a fellow printer. He was quite the best boy I ever knew, and right down good to me, even while he was pretending to grumble about the "nuisance a girl was in a printing office anyhow!" Otho and Sophie Schram used to smuggle fruit cake, hard—awfully hard—cider

and port wine in to us at Christmas times, although it is a well established fact that printers never touch these things.

Oregon City, with its high, green bluff on the one side and its beautiful falls and blue river on the other, was my home for many years. It is dear to me and always will be, but there is no pleasure to me in going back there now,—or, at least, it is too sad a pleasure. The little children are men and women, and the old folks are passing away. There are new faces at the old windows and new hands on the doors, and there are deep wrinkles on some of the faces I love. Sorrow and Death have walked through the old town by the Falls, and Care sits by many a hearth where once were only Peace and Plenty. There are always new graves in "God's acre", where Mount Hood keeps lonely vigil, and one of the saddest hours of my life was when I stood by the beautiful graves of Belle Potter and Fannie Buck, and remembered their glad, young eyes and merry hearts. I think, too, that some eyes will grow dim at the name of Corley Strychler, for he was a favorite with us who were boys and girls then. Through all these years the ENTERPRISE has lived; and it has chronicled joys and sorrows,—even as the old mellow bells have chimed fast and sweet for the bride, and tolled soft and sad and slow for the dead. ELLA HIGGINSON.

OREGON AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Active Measures Taken to Provide an Exhibit.

At the last meeting of the state board of commerce, at Portland, Messrs Chas. H. Dodd and T. F. Osborn, of Portland, S. M. Yoran, of Eugene, J. T. Apperson of Oregon City, Samuel White of Baker City and L. C. Garrigus, of Marshfield, were appointed executive committee on the World's Columbian Exposition, Henry Failing being treasurer and Chas. Randolph secretary. At a meeting held in Portland last week the plan of Captain Apperson to send canvassers throughout the state to solicit contributions for the world's fair exhibit and to issue to each contributor a certificate stating the amount of his contribution, was adopted by the committee and the work has been entered upon. The following circular address has been sent out by the committee and it explains the matter fully:

The people of this state are generally aware of the steps which have heretofore been taken to place Oregon, in at least some degree, abreast of her sister states in this important matter. It was believed by most of our citizens that an appropriation of a reasonable sum of money ought to have been made by the legislature of the state for this purpose; in this, however, we are disappointed—the reasons for that failure need not now be discussed. Suffice it to say that we are now confronted with the fact that unless the people themselves voluntarily assume the work of supplying the means nothing is likely to be done to maintain a creditable position for the state, and secure the advantages to be derived to its people and all its property interests by a fair exhibition of its productions and resources in that which promises to be far the greatest exposition the world has ever seen.

With a view of making a definite effort in this behalf, and in the absence of any other known movement in that direction, the Oregon state board of commerce has appointed a special executive committee for the purpose of raising a sufficient fund to secure a proper exhibit on behalf of Oregon at this exposition. It calls for no apology from us in presenting this subject to your attention, believing, as we do, that it is one which ought to, and presumably does interest every citizen in the state, and especially all who feel any degree of state pride and desire to place the state before the people of the world in its true attitude as respects its advantages and marvelous resources in comparison with any other sections of our country.

To accomplish the end in view in anything like a satisfactory manner will require a considerable sum of money. Something can be done with \$25,000, but \$100,000 ought to be economically expended in preparing for a creditable exhibit and caring for it during the continuance of the exposition. Our neighboring state on the south has appropriated \$300,000, and our infant neighbor on the north \$100,000 of public money for this purpose.

This committee has decided that a canvass of the state shall be made and the people asked to contribute to the fund proposed to be raised. We shall endeavor to secure an aggregate as large as possible, but have concluded that unless we can, within a reasonable length of time, raise at least \$25,000 we must abandon the effort, as less than that sum cannot produce results which would be of other than mortifying to the pride of every Oregonian.

W. H. H. Grant of Eugene has been appointed by Chairman Dodd to canvass the Willamette valley and southern Oregon. Mr. Ingalls of Wasco county will have eastern Oregon. These gentlemen have already gone to work. Unless they get at least \$25,000 the full amount each one subscribes will be returned to him, for it is recognized as useless to attempt to make a display with anything less than that sum. The cost of making the canvass is borne by Chairman Dodd, Captain Apperson and Secretary Randolph so that the subscriptions for the world's fair will be devoted entirely to the purpose designed by the subscribers and not consumed in various administrative expenses. Unless \$25,000 can be raised within thirty days the whole matter must be dropped, for a stinging exhibit would only make Oregon ridiculous.

Next Wednesday night will be the time for the regular monthly meeting of the city council.

Dandruff is due to an enfeebled state of the skin. Hall's Hair Renewer quickens the nutritive functions of the skin, healing and preventing the formation of dandruff.

OREGON CITY CIGAR FACTORY,
AUGUST FISHER, Propr.

Manufacturer of and Dealer in all Grades of Fine Cigars.
Orders from a distance promptly filled.

Next Door to P. O., Oregon City, Or.

UNITED Hack, Truck and Livery COMPANY,

W. H. Cooke, Manager.
Corner Fourth and Main Streets, OREGON CITY.

The LEADING LIVERY STABLE of the City. Rigs of any description furnished on short notice.

All kinds of Truck and Delivery Business promptly attended to.
Horses Boarded and Fed on reasonable terms.

THE NORTH AMERICAN Mutual Benefit Association.

OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Easy Monthly Payments

The plan challenges comparison. Reliable Life Insurance at cost. Insure while you are young.

J. W. THOMAS, Dentist.
GENERAL AGENT,
Molalla Oregon.

F. C. PERRY,
MOLALLA, OREGON.

Dealer in all kinds of

LIQUORS and Summer DRINKS.

None but the best brand of

CIGARS.

Livery and Feed Stable,

With Ample Accomodations.

Prices Reasonable.



Moore's Revealed Remedy.

Astonishing in its Effects in the cure of Rheumatism, Asthma, Malaria, Biliousness or any other disease arising from deranged Liver, Stomach or Kidneys—It drives all impurities from the Blood.

Mrs. Chas. A. Russell, who is favorably known throughout the Northwest says:

"For fifteen years I was a constant sufferer with asthma without any relief, except that obtained by constant change of locality. Two years ago I tried Moore's Revealed Remedy and the benefits received from it were most gratifying. It gave me relief from the first and prevented the terrible distress peculiar to the disease that made life almost unbearable. Any one who has ever had asthma can understand the gratitude I feel toward this remedy. Believing it has added pleasant years to my life I have not hesitated to recommend it to all like sufferers, and always with the same happy results."

To be had of all druggists, or sent to SWEET-HOLMES DRUG Co., Seattle, Wash.

F. L. Posson & Son, SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS

General Agts. for D. M. Perry & Co's Garden Seed.

SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS

Grass, Clover and all kinds of Trees, Bulbs, Fertilizers, etc.

SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS

Bees Keepers' Supplies. We want you for a customer. Give us a trial order.

F. L. Posson & Son,
209 2d St., Portland, Or.
Successors to Miller Bros. Catalogue Free

GRAND OPENING!

Clothing Department!

Fall, 1891.

THE LARGEST STOCK

—OF—

CLOTHING

EVER BROUGHT TO THIS CITY,

ALL FULL WOOL, AND

Will be Sold at Prices Never Dreamed of Before.

REMEMBER, All-Wool Suits from \$10 to \$20,

And in Each and Every Case a Perfect Fit is Guaranteed.

Don't buy any more SHODDY GOODS, as I will sell ALL-WOOL GOODS at the prices heretofore charged for Shoddy and Cotton Clothing.

J. W. O'CONNELL,

The Clothier and Hatter.

POPE & CO.

This old and reliable firm always keep in stock a full line of

Heavy, Shelf and Manufactured Hardware, Tinware, etc.

Plumbing, Gas Fitting & Jobbing Attended to Promptly. Estimates Furnished.

OREGON CITY OREGON

MRS. A. M. LINNVILLE,

DEALER IN

Ladies' and Children's Furnishing Goods, LACES, FANCY ARTICLES AND WORSTEDS.

Full Stock of Silk Floss, Arrasene, Chenille AND OTHER DECORATIVE ORNAMENTS.

FANCY WORK IN ALL STYLES AND DESIGNS STAMPING ON LINEN AND FELT DONE TO ORDER.

Two Doors Below Mrs. Burmeister's Jewelry Store, OREGON CITY, OR.

GEORGE BROUGHTON,

MANUFACTURER OF ALL KINDS OF

FIR AND HARDWOOD LUMBER.

FULL STOCK OF FLOORING, CEILING, RUSTIC AND FINISHING LUMBER, DIMENSION STUFF AND LATH.

Special Bills Cut to Order

Mill and Yard on the River, Foot of Main Street,

OREGON CITY, OR.

R. FINLEY,

DEALER IN

Doors, Windows, Mouldings, DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMES.

Cabinet Work, Fitting up Stores and Repairing of all kinds.

Wagons and Buggies a Specialty.

Jobbing Orders Promptly Executed.

PRICES THE LOWEST.

Shop corner Fourth and Water streets, back of Pope & Co's, Oregon City.

THE GREAT EASTERN STORE!!

MAYER & ACKERMAN,

THE OLD RELIABLE DEALERS IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE!

Headquarters for Boots, Shoes, Clothing and Dress Goods. Pay the highest prices for Wool and Produce, and sells the best Goods at the very

LOWEST FIGURES.