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HOOD VIEW NOTES.

An Honored Pioneer's Birthday Celebration—Wedding Rumors—Personal Notes.

HOOD VIEW, Nov. 20.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Litchentler, a ten-pound boy. Mrs. Geo. Seely is still in Portland under the doctor's care.

Miss Anna E. T. Graham expects to start to California soon on a visit to her brother.

Chas. Peterson and Amos Selvey contemplate all the pleasures of a bachelor's life this winter.

Chas. Kaylor bought his ticket and started for his old home in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Saturday last.

Mr. Yager will make the metropolis a business visit this week.

Geo. Seely is acting as a jurymen in Oregon City this term of court.

John Buchanan and wife, of Cornelius, were guests at M.J. Young's and Graham's party last week.

Mrs. Frankie Brown has gone to Newberg for a visit of a few days.

Mrs. Denny Bell, of Newberg, spent several days recently with her daughter, Mrs. Brown.

Dr. and Mrs. Rutan were guests at M. C. Young's last week.

Grandma and Grandma Seeley have gone on a visit to his brother, Joseph Seely, near Dayton, to be gone some time.

Miss Twink Graham was attending the teachers' examinations in Oregon City three days last week.

Harry Spencer and family spent several days this week among relatives in Canemah.

Mrs. C. G. Davis, of Portland, Mrs. W. P. Short, of Sellwood, and Mrs. John Zumwalt, of Canemah, were seen among us recently.

Arthur and John Riggs have returned from the Tillamook, where they have been helping their father and family settle for the winter.

John Epler and John Butson have each just finished several acres of grubbing.

The hunting party, of which William Young was a member, have returned, having captured only two large deer during their stay in the mountains.

Grandpa Zumwalt, one of Oregon's oldest living pioneers, celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday last Wednesday in a quiet but social way. Several of his children and grandchildren were present. He has been a great sufferer from asthma for thirty-eight years, and time is telling its usual tale on his brow and gray locks.

Ed. Baker, Henry Miley, Marion Shaver, Wm. Knight, Chas. Epler, John Epler and wife, Mrs. Young, and Chas. Kaylor were all courting in Oregon City Friday of last week.

Hood View is very anxiously looking forward to two weddings, a rumor of which Mother Grundy has spread broadcast. We are anxious to know who are the happy ones.

We understand that the Wilsonville literary society has been delayed for some cause but is soon to re-open.

Logan Locals.

LOGAN, Nov. 25.—The Logan night school opened auspiciously with about a dozen pupils, Robert Ginther teacher. Mr. Ginther teaches the day school at the same place, district No. 94.

Many of our people tendered Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Richey a surprise last evening, the 20th being their birthday. George Dodge and Louis Kirchem brought violins, and all present enjoyed dancing long after the clock struck midnight.

Wednesday evening W. A. Lewis of Portland, gave a lecture in Tracy hall. At its close several joined the A. P. A.

The entertainment at district No. 94 was well attended Friday, considering the inclemency of the weather. Clem Clark loaned lumber, Lewis Hampton made a platform and benches, and John Schutte hauled his organ through the rain. Others also contributed to the evening's success. Miss Katie Schutte's monologue, the humorous speeches of little Charlie Shade, and the songs of Mr. Tom Gallagher and Mr. Fred Brown deserve special mention.

Owing to the state of the weather the attendance at the debate Saturday evening was small, but the interest was great. The judges voted unanimously in favor of the affirmative. The literary program was omitted on account of the absence of most of the actors. The question for next meeting is, Resolved, That the fear of punishment has greater influence on human conduct than the hope of reward. Robert Ginther leader of the affirmative, M. L. Hampton leader for the negative.

Mrs. C. W. Richey is not well. Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Wolfer are recovering.

Sherwood News.

SHERWOOD, Nov. 25.—Oregon has come back to herself at last and has given us a good shower again after having had such a fine fall. We can well afford to have some unpleasant weather.

Walter Parrot, former owner of the Sherwood livery stables, has sold out to Grover Hagey of Newberg.

E. S. and C. I. Calkins delivered a hog at the city meat market on the 23d weighing 450 pounds, the largest hog ever seen in Sherwood markets.

The protracted meetings now being conducted in the Friends church by Miss Atkinson, will continue until December 2d. Miss Atkinson, by her simple language and forcible argument has won the hearts of all. Large congregations have been attracted to the little church, and large numbers of conversions have taken place. We wish her success in her efforts to win souls to Christ.

Frog Pond Strains.

FROG POND, Nov. 25.—"Once more the gentle rain is coming down," is the exclamation we hear on all sides.

Last Thursday, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Ella Turner and John Seedling were launched together on the matri-

monial sea. We wish them a happy voyage.

The farmers in this section have about all their fall grain sown.

At the regular meeting of the Toalatin Grange a class of nine new members, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. John Rose, Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, Miss Flora Seely, O. P. Sharp, John Seedling, Herbert Turner and Charles Seely were initiated in the first and second degrees of the order. Several visitors were present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickinson, Mrs. J. P. Gage, Misses Agnes and Ollie Gage, George and Henry Stevenson, all of Oswego Grange, and also State Lecturer H. E. Hayes.

Clyde Evans, of this place has commenced reading law with Hon. George C. Brownell. Clyde is well qualified to become a good lawyer and we wish him success.

Mrs. Burger, of Fulton, was visiting friends in this vicinity last week.

A. W. Phillips is building a house for Lawrence and Gallup.

Miss Tyler, lately from England, was a visitor at John Kruse's last Saturday.

The Frog Pond literary society will meet next Saturday.

Mink Musings.

MINK, Nov. 26.—Considerable plowing and sowing has been done in our neighborhood during the recent fine spell of weather, but at present everything is quite wet and muddy.

Bern and Mike were in our vicinity circulating a petition to secure finances or labor to plank a piece of road between here and Oregon City.

William Scanlin is improving his farm by putting up a board fence both sides of the road the distance of nearly a half mile.

Mrs. Edward Hughes, who has been paralyzed a few weeks, is slowly improving.

Fred and Rudolph Kamron are busy taking out hop poles.

The young folks of the Lutheran church are talking of reorganizing their choir to practice songs for Christmas.

The boys of this place have organized an orchestra which will be a great pastime for them during the winter. J. A. Moebnke will be their leader.

Born, to the wife of Fritz Swartz, a son.

GOLDEN JUBILEE.

FROM EIGHTEEN FORTY-FOUR TO EIGHTEEN NINETY-FOUR.

Celebration of Congregationalism on the Pacific Coast at the Mother Church in Oregon City.

Last Sunday morning a large and expectant audience gathered at the Congregational church to listen to a memorial address by Rev. P. S. Knight, of Salem, on the semi-centennial anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Oregon City—the mother of the three hundred and forty congregational churches now existing in the three Pacific states.

The text, from Lev. 25:10-11—"A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you," was followed by a magnificent array of the changes in the world in these fifty years, and by glimpses of Oregon City as it was and is by contrast. Space alone prevents giving the entire discourse, eloquent with historic themes: "Fifty years! How long and yet how short! Measured as mere duration it is but a span; but when measured by events—events that tell on history and on human destiny,—events in which the uprearing of mountain ranges and the spreading out of mountain plains are but far-off preparations,—events that influence the character and the destiny of immortal beings,—when thus measured, a half century may outspan a thousand ages of prehistoric time. While it may be true that we live in a somewhat boastful age, it is also true that our age has somewhat to be boastful of, and it is not far out of the way for us to claim for the last half-century something more in many lines of human achievement than can be claimed for any other similar period. In that time four czars have sat on the throne of Russia, and three emperors have ruled in Germany; Italy has had her Garibaldi, her Cavour and her Victor Emmanuel, and has seen her discordant states joined in a united kingdom with the historic city of the Caesars as her capital; France has passed through three revolutions and has seen Bourbonism and Bonapartism laid finally to rest, with a vigorous republic taking the place of the decreed monarchy. England alone of all the nations has known in this time but one ruler. Within this same half-century this country has gained more than two-thirds of her present population; the number of states has risen from 26 to 44; we have added over a million square miles to our landed area; we have fought two wars. Practically we have built all our railroads and telegraphs. West of the Missouri stretched the supposed 'Great American desert,' in which are now ten independent states, laying the foundations of prosperity and liberty for coming generations. Fifty years ago electricity was a matter of amusement and speculation, and the steam engine was a crude affair.

"Do not forget that in these fifty years the serfs of Russia have been set free, and that in America the shackles have fallen from 3,900,000 slaves. You who remember the former bitterness of sectarian strife do not need to see a column of figures to convince you that interdenominational comity is something more than a sounding phrase. Do you ask me to give you figures of the missionary work; to number for you that new Israel that has been gathered in these fifty years? Consider Hawaii, that child of missions. Japan, a nation forty years ago utterly secluded and heathen, is now, though professedly non-Christian, waging a great war, with the banner of the red cross flying beside her own national flag. In Fiji, where cannibalism was universal, prayers are now heard in every human dwelling. Think of India, where the burning of widows with their dead husbands has ceased under Christian sentiment, and those parts of the Turkish empire where the famins and plague stricken have been cared for, and schools of Christian culture established by devoted servants of our great societies. And China—what do we know of that country that the missionaries have not told us?" In the evening Rev. D. B. Gray of Port-

land, also a former pastor, dwelt on "The Outlook of the Church." He spoke of this church that has made an honorable place in the history of this country; for fifty years it has stood as a witness to the higher truth. Its men, its women, its ministry, its buildings have borne testimony against disorder, crime and wickedness. It has stood for morality, for righteousness, for education, for culture and refinement. Dr. Atkinson, for fifteen years pastor of this church, once said to him the changing congregations were such that it seemed to him that it was like standing on the street corners and talking to the passers-by, but here the church stood to welcome the advancement from beyond the Rockies and to provide a home for the traveler and the settler.

The speaker noted the material changes of today—the new church, the artistic homes, the bridge, the factories, the electric wonders, and the greater improvements yet to come, and that the church must keep pace with the greater needs of the people. "When I see all these things," said he, "I cannot otherwise than bring you greeting; greeting of congratulation, and say that your possibilities, and opportunities, and outlook seem to me wonderfully cheering. It is in thinking of these things that the words of Isaiah leap to my mind: 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'"

The speaker spoke of the new spirit and hope of the church, and that this church, like churches everywhere, was only beginning to understand her lofty mission, to lighten the dark places and drive out iniquity.

Monday afternoon was devoted to reminiscences. Deacon Hatch, one of the three charter members, had come down from Salem to assist in the celebration. He told how he and Thomas Moore and O. Russell met and organized the original church fifty years ago, when only a few immigrants had come over the plains. For a time they met in his house and read sermons. A letter from his son was read recalling the time when his father hewed out timber for the new church, and as a wondering boy he heard people say, "Deacon Hatch carries that church on his back." He recalled their great joy when they had raised money enough to buy a bell and could hear its Sabbath call through the thick woods to their home.

Letters were read from Deacon Lacey and his wife, now of Malheur City, who came here in 1834; also from Thomas Pope, of Quincy, Illinois, who came in 1833. Mr. Pope said that in 1836 the ladies decided that lamps must be substituted for candles, and the old white pitcher and plate were replaced by a silver communion set. He also referred to the little old melodeon, presided over by Mrs. Holbrook, and to the names historic now of Lyman, Walker, Kells, Congdon, Marsh and others, who assisted Dr. Atkinson in his labors.

A letter was also read from John Chenilworth, of Fresno, California, who came here as a boy in 1837.

Five pastors of the church spoke during the day. Rev. P. S. Knight, of Salem, who succeeded Dr. Atkinson, Rev. D. B. Gray, of Portland, Rev. G. A. Rockwood, of Willsburg, Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Portland, and Dr. J. Whitman Cowan, the present pastor. A letter was also read from Rev. O. W. Lucas, a former pastor, now of Oakland, California.

Dr. Knight set out upon his travels as a baby six months old from Boston; went from New York to Philadelphia on the first railroad there; came by canal and steamer to Iowa, and as a boy of 16 drove an ox team to Oregon. He helped build the first house in Anity and the second house in McMinnville; then came to Oregon City. He saw Dr. McLoughlin in his long dressing gown on his porch; heard Dr. Atkinson preach, was converted to Congregationalism, and ten years later was called to succeed the good Doctor in the pulpit in Oregon City. After serving here from '65 to '67 he went to Salem and preached for seventeen years, a pioneer of the pioneers.

All through the day testimonials were given of the great and good work of Dr. Atkinson, who, with his bride, sailed out of Boston harbor for this almost unknown coast in 1848.

Deacon Eaton, of Oswego, born in 1820, said he remembered when Oberlin college was started people said, "Oh, don't start a college so far west," yet he lived to see churches, and colleges too, in Oregon. He was sent out by Dr. Atkinson from this church to start the church in Oswego.

Another interesting visitor was Rev. W. L. Coleman, a graduate of Oberlin in 1843.

Rev. Rockwood gave a very interesting account of his work. To Mr. Rockwood belongs the honor of organizing the second Christian Endeavor Society of Oregon; the first one having been in the Haasalo street church in Portland.

Rev. J. J. Staub, one of the sons of the church, now a successful pastor, made one of the bright speeches of the day.

Rev. O. W. Lucas in his letter gave a vivid picture of the old church whose timbers creaked, shutters rattled, and the shingles talked. He related the steps by which the present structure was built and dedicated in 1859.

At this point Rev. Gabriel Sykes brought greeting from the Methodist church, the first Protestant church west of the Rocky mountains. Almost every sentence was greeted with cheers, as the audience had become thoroughly warmed up by this time.

Dr. Cowan proved what Dr. McClelland once pronounced him, "the best master of an occasion he ever saw." His quick wit and repartee put everybody in good humor. Deacon Swafford, of the M. E. church, said he had been here forty-two years; had heard all the old preachers, and yes, he had heard the new ones, too, "and I tell you," said he, "he's no slouch; he's not slow. Oregon City ought to be proud of her preachers!"

Other testimonials were given of the workers of fifty years, many of whom are laid to rest.

Miss Jessie Evans gave a charming recitation, "The Model Church," and the meeting adjourned till 6 o'clock, at which hour a large delegation appeared from Portland. A banquet, one of the finest ever spread in the Congregational church, was participated in by the Congregational club and others, and the exercises continued in the church.

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