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COURTS.

Circuit court convenes first Monday in November and third Monday in April.

Probate court in session first Monday in each month.

Commissioners court meets first Wednesday after first Monday of each month.

CHURCH DEDICATED

Oregon City Churches Grow With the Town.

SOME HISTORICAL SKETCHES

The Baptist People Open Their New House of Worship—Free of Debt—Financial Statement.

The First Baptist church of this city was dedicated Sunday under the most auspicious circumstances. In spite of bad weather and delays in finishing the house it was opened to the public as pre-arranged.

The Congregational and Methodist brethren had omitted their morning service out of kindly feeling for their Baptist friends and at an early hour people began to wend their way to the new edifice which was to be that morning dedicated to the service of God, and by the time the service had commenced standing room was at a premium, there being between 500 and 600 people in the auditorium. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Roland D. Grant, D. D. of Portland, his text being Joshua 1:15, his theme, "Persistant Effort." We have no right or title to any privilege except as we strive for it and if we seek to rise or advance we must put forth effort. We must also put forth effort to hold any position we have already attained, even if we do not seek to advance, and this church can only grow by increased effort and after having advanced to the postion which demands the increased facilities and room, it must still make effort or it will die. "To him that hath (and uses it) more shall be given."

After the services Mr. D. C. Latourette made a brief financial statement. The improvements on the church cost in round figures $3200. There had been donated $400 in work, $1300 in cash, $600 by the Ladies Aid Society and there was about $300 in unpaid pledges. Besides the immediate improvemrnts there was an indebtedness of about $500 already on the church, making $1100 which ought to be raised then to dedicate the church free of debt.

Dr. Grant then made an earnest appeal to the people to raise the money, and when the taking of subscriptions was over there was $1,135 pledged and a basket collection taken which netted $22 more. Dr. Grant was then asked to return thanks to God for his goodness, which he did in the most heart-touching and soul inspiring prayer it has ever been the privilege of the writer to hear.

At the afternoon citizen's meeting there were stirring addresses made by the Revs. Sykes, Montgomery and Cowan of this city and Rugg of Salem, short congratulatory by Revs Teal, Sims, and Holcroft of Portland. At 6 P. M. there was a rousing Union Young People's meeting. A. S. Dresser president of the city union being the leader and Miss Ana Baird presiding at the organ. The house was full of bright, earnest young people, and in some respects this was the best meeting of the day.

At 7:30 P. M. Rev. M. L. Rugg, of Salem, preached an eloquent and sound sermon from Eph. 4:11, 12 and 13, on "Development of Christian Character and the Unity of the Faith." How denominatal unity will be brought about. "Not by giving up or receding from any truth we may have got hold of, but by clinging faithfully to all the truth we have, and honestly, with unprejudiced minds, striving to get all the more truth we may be able to attain."

After the sermon Hon. W. C. Johnson, L. L. D. gave a brief history of the church. Mr. Johnson's father, Rev. Hesekiah Johnson and Rev. Ezra Fisher came overland in 1845, with wagons and were seven months on the way, arriving here on December 7th of that year.

On July 4, 1847, seven people organized the first Baptist church, and a little later built the first Baptist meeting house in Oregon (this building still stands on the corner of Main and Thirteenth streets) Deacon Hatch, a member of the Congregational church gave the use of his house to the Baptists on that occassion, so the unity and friendship existing at this day between these two churches of our city, is only the continuance of a feeling which had its origin at the birth of the Baptist church. The first pastors of the church were in part supported by the Home Missionary society. They were Elders Johnson, Fisher, Chandler and Jas. Read.

After a time the little church became too small for the growing society so it was sold and the property at present occupied was purchased and the house which the present one displaces was built. It was dedicated on Sept. 3, 1871. Rev. E. Fisher preaching the dedicatory sermon. There was raised on that occassion $2,057.

Since then there has been a steady, gradual growth. The pastors since have been: Revs. J. T. Huff, J. A. Worth, J. H. Teale, J. C. Read, C. C. Bateman and Gilman Parker, Every one of which the church has parted with, with a feeling of regret.

Rev. Gilman Parker, was moderator of the day, and directed the exercises and services.

The size of the main audience room is 42x56 and has a seating capacity of 406. There is a Sunday school room of the same dimensions, parlors, class rooms, closets etc., making a very convenient house for the purposes to which it has been dedicated.

Contractor Miller, placed a box in the apex of the belfry tower, containing a copy of the city papers etc. This while not a corner stone exactly may serve some day to show the future generation the advancement Oregon City has made between 1871 and 1895.

The decorations were beautiful and appropriate, being mostly tastful draping United States flags and were designed and arranged by Mrs. Emma C. Groom.

Elmer E. Charman attended a church dedication for the second time in his life last Sunday, a coincidence being that the other time it was the dedication of the old Baptist church in 1871.

Of the former pastors Messrs. Teal and Parker were the only ones present.

The music of the occasion was furnished by the full choir of the church, A. F. Parker, leader, Mesdames D. C. Latourette, A. F. Parker, A. S. Dresser, O. F. Ohlsen, C. O. T. Williams, and J. K. Groom, Messrs. W. C. Johnson, G. F. Howard, E. A. Smith and G. C. Watson, Rev. M. L. Rugg composed a hymn for the occasion, but by some means the printing of it was neglected so there were no copies of it and it could not be sung.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

All notes for this column should be sent to Mrs. H. S. Gibson, editor, Oregon City, Oregon.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

School report of Dist. No. 32, Clarkes, for the two last months of the fall term. First month; pupils that were neither absent nor tardy during this month were, Bert, Frank, Cora and Hattie Ringo, George Clarke, Henry Kleinsmith Roy Grace, Edna and Essie Gard, Nannie and Bertha Smathers, David and Arthur Bottenmiller. No. of days taught, 20; No. days attendance, 768; No. of pupils tardy, 22; time lost by tardiness, 3 hours; nunmber of absentees, 65; average attendance, 38; visitors, Mrs. Grace and Miss Calla Myers. With the ending of the second month the fall term closed. Those that were neither absent nor tardy were, Frank, Cora and Hattie Ringo, Minnie Glick, Henry and Emma Kleinsmith, George and Ella Haman, Ella Walker, Willie and John Marshall, Essie and Edna Gard and Arthur Bottenmiller. No. days attendance, 987; No. pupils tardy, 30, time lost by tardiness, 5 hours; absentees, 70; average attendance 40; total enrollment 43; visitors, Messrs. C. N. Larkins and H. Lee, Misses I. Gard, I. Lee and L. Bottenmiller. On the last afternoon was rendered a program which consisted of speeches, recitations, songs, dialogues, etc. The teacher wishes to express his sincere thanks to the pupils for their kindness, to the visitors for encouragements, to the board of directors for their fidelity and kindness, and to the parents for their co-operation with me in my work, which they have shown to me in various ways. A. D. E. ELMER, Teacher.

Report of joint district No. 10 for the month ending January 4, 1895: Number of days taught, 19; number of pupils enrolled, 29; number of days attendance, 483; number of days absence, 38; number of cases tardiness, 3; average number of pupils belonging, 27; average daily attendance, 25. The following named pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the month: Aura, Ruby and Roy Thompson, Henry, Lydia, Anna and Ellen Aden, George, Henry and Emma Peters, Ernest and Lorena Kruse, Charlie and Smith Turner.

H. A. BALL, Teacher.

School closed in district No. 22 on December 14. Number of days taught, 59; days attendance, 628; days absence, 60; times tardy, 10; total enrollment, 16; number of visitors, 13; names of pupils present every day during the last month: Roselynn Robbins, Anna Nelson, Nora and Stella Chriswell, Bertha Schneider, Hubert, Clyde and Otis Engle.

A. B. HIBBARD, Teacher.

Report of Pleasant Hill school for the third month ending December 28, 1894: No. of days taught, 19; No. enrolled, 29; average attendance, 26½; those neither absent nor tardy during the month: Lillie McConnell, Alpha and Lulu Weston, Susie Kleger, Melville, Elva and Audry Templeman, Rosa Willis, Ervin Yeager; average attendance during the three months, 25; pupils neither absent nor tardy, 6; number of visitors, 30.

BELL JONES, Teacher.

School report for district No. 63: Following are the names of pupils who were present every day without being tardy during the second month ending December 29: Ida Greisshaber, Thomas Penman, Terrel Foster, Melvin Foster, Elmer Frank and Robert McArthur. Visitors during the month were: Messrs. Chas. Foster, R. J. Brown, J. Findley and G. T. McArthur; Misses Isabel McArthur, Agnes McArthur, Ada Randall, Lizzie Engle and Laura Engle; Mesdames J. Blanchard, M. Randall and M. Stauber.

CHAS. RUTHERFORD, Teacher.

SCHOOL NOTES.

D. F. Warner, who is teaching in district 89, writes that he thinks he has one of the finest schools in the county. He gave his pupils a Christmas treat, which was fully appreciated.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Below is given the program prepared for the next meeting of the Teachers' Association, at Park Place, the last Saturday in January. The place of meeting is easy of access, and it is expected that a full attendance of teachers will be had:

Music, ... Pupils at Park Place
Current Events, ... S. W. Holmes
Drawing, ... J. W. Gray
"How to Keep Our Boys in School," ..... T. J. Gary
Recitation, ... Bertha Doering
Vertical Writing, ... J. A. Freeman
Latest Geographical Discoveries, ... H. S. Strange
Biography, selected, ... Jennie Rowen
Music, ... Selected

Redland Ripples.

REDLAND, Jan. 7.—Snow, rain, slush, mud, lots of it. That snowstorm of last Wednesday was a bad one. It began here at 7 A. M. and continued till 3 P. M. when it commenced to rain and froze on the trees as it fell till they were loaded with ice. All day Thursday it sounded like musketry in the woods; limbs breaking and trees falling blocking roads with small trees. It did considerable damage to the old apple trees. Some it upset, others it split all the limbs off and left them mere stumps. In some orchards nearly every tree was injured.

In spite of the bad weather our literary had a good attendance on Saturday evening and a general good time. The question discussed, "Resolved, That the Free Coinage of Silver Would be a Benefit to the United States," was decided in favor of the affirmative. It was well fought on both sides and caused considerable amusement.

The owners of some of the useless curs around here had better be sure where they are at night or they will have a mutton bill to pay one of these days.

SARY GARP.

To Good Templars.

Do you know that Moore's Revealed Remedy is the only patent medicine in the world that does not contain a drop of alcohol; that the mode of preparing it is known only to its dilcover; that it is an advance in the science of medicine without a parallel in the nineteenth century; that its proprietors offer to forfeit $1,000 for any case of dyspepsia it will not cure?

Are You Interested in Electricity!

At last we are to have an electrical magazine. The science of electricity has developed so rapidly that the publishers of Electric Power have decided to change their journal into the form of a monthly magazine after January 1st, 1895. This is an important move and will give the public the opportunity of keeping abreast of the times in matters electrical. They have already secured for the coming year a number of the best known writers in electrical literature and propose to be in the front rank on all points connected with electricity. There are numerous trade paper, and journals devoted to electricity, but as yet no one has had the courage to publish a magazine devoted to that science, and Electric Power will have the field to itself, and undoubtedly is making a wise move. The subscription price will remain the same, $2.00 per year, 20 cents per copy.

The November issue is devoted to the papers, reports and general news of the Street Railway Convention in Atlanta, and contains quite a number of excellent portraits.

Home-made bread is recognized as the very best at all times and the customers of J. Egle the Shively building baker assert that they can not tell the difference between his bread and that made at home unless it be that his is just a little the better. But don't tell your wife that.

A dollar saved is equal to two dollars earned. Pay up your subsciption to the ENTERPRISE and get the the benefit of the reduction in price.

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