

**Early History of Canby**

The early history of Canby, written by the late George Knight, one of the prominent pioneers of the state, who resided for many years at Canby, is given below:

"Baker's Prairie, where Canby now stands, was first settled in the early 40's by a Mr. Baker, after whom the prairie is named. In 1847, Philander Lee and family settled on the prairie. Soon after Pendleton, Josslin, Seeley, Beals, Cross and others settled here. Mr. Pendleton built a ferry across the Molalla river at this place, and operated it in the early 50's. Soon after the county built a bridge across the Molalla river at the Josslin place, about one-half mile above the Pendleton ferry. This bridge stood until some time in the 70's, when it went down. The county then built



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another bridge at the same place, which is still standing.

"In the early 50's a cemetery was laid out on the Josslin place, with Lee, Josslin and others as directors. The cemetery was enclosed by a rail fence until 1880, when a subscription was taken up by the citizens on the prairie, and a good board fence was erected around the cemetery.

In the year of 1870 the Oregon & California railroad was built from Portland to Salem, coming through Canby. The town was laid out and platted by the Oregon & California Railroad Company the same year. There was some discussion as to the naming of the town, it being suggested that a name be taken from one of the prominent men of the place, but that a name without a burg as the prefix should be given. At this time Governor Canby was massacred by the Modock Indians in the lava beds in the southeastern part of the state. His body was brought through this town, and it was suggested that the name of Canby be given.

The railroad company bought 200 acres on Baker's Prairie from P. Lee and the Knight brothers, who a few years previous had bought the Seeley, Josslin and Cross farms. The company then donated 40 acres of this land to the Methodist Association, with the proviso that the Association should hold campmeeting every year on the place. The Association built a large building 100x150 feet on the ground and set out a large number of shade trees, and otherwise improved the place. A campmeeting has been held here ever since, many thousands of people having attended.

In 1871 a postoffice was established at Canby with Charles Knight as the first postmaster.

On February 15, 1893, Canby was incorporated. The officers of the town are a mayor, eight councilmen, treasurer, assessor, recorder, street supervisor and chief of police. William Knight has been the recorder almost continuously since that time.

**W. C. T. U. of Canby**

The W. C. T. U. of Canby was organized in November, 1907, just after the Charles Kinzel Memorial Contest. This contest, in which thirteen boys and girls took part, was planned and managed by Mrs. Pearl Weber, who came and preside at the entertainment. Mrs. Urub is a national lecturer and organizer for the W. C. T. U. and she came to Canby prepared to call the temperance women of the town together. The Canby women were quick to respond to the rally cry and a local union was organized by Mrs. Urub. Thirty-five members signed the roll, and elected the following officers: Mrs. Etta Douglas, president; Mrs. M. Mandeville, vice-president; Miss Harrie Bates, recording secretary; Mrs. Viva Bradt, treasurer, and Mrs. Pearl Weber, corresponding secretary. Since this local union was organized, four silver medals and one gold medal have been given to the children, the gold medal having been won by Royce Brown.

The W. C. T. U. has furnished regular temperance instruction to the children in the L. T. L. and has had its influence on municipal affairs in Canby. The work will be extended and broadened considerably during the current year. The present officers are: Mrs. Etta Douglas, president; Mrs. W. C. Clark, vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Porter, recording secretary; Mrs. Pearl Weber, corresponding secretary.

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY'S FAIR**

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It was through the efforts of the Commercial Club and the prominent men of Canby and vicinity that the county fair was brought to Canby. The 40-acre tract that the Clackamas County Fair Association has an option on is one of the most desirable pieces of land in the state for an affair of this kind. The property is part of the C. N. Walt farm, and is close to town. The race track that was built last summer under the supervision of W. H. Counsell, is said by horsemen, who are at present in Canby wintering their horses, to be the best half-mile track in the Northwest. The ground is being packed by the rains, and by the opening of the fair next fall it is an assured fact that some of the fastest horses in the state will be entered for the races on the track. The horse races of last year's fair proved to be an interesting feature, and on the second day proved to be the big drawing card. Although the track was new last year, and much trouble was experienced in settling the dust, the races gave satisfaction to the large throngs of people. During the summer there was constructed winter stables for the accommodation of horses that were to be brought here for the winter's training, but it was found that more would have to be constructed, and L. A. Graham and G. W. Kesselring are busily engaged in constructing twelve more stables, which are to be 12x12 feet. Many horses have been brought to Canby for the winter training on the race track, and it is probable that before the winter is over there will be about 50 horses on the grounds. Several of the horsemen who have come here are contemplating buying property and making their homes in Canby. Several have already taken up their homes here.

The auditorium, where the exhibits are shown, was constructed by first-class workmen, under the supervision of W. P. Weismandel, of this place. The building is 64 feet wide and 120 feet long, with 29-foot sides. It is of two stories in height, but the second story was not completed for the fair last year. It is the intention of the Association to have this finished during the coming summer, as there will be many more exhibits at the coming fair than of last year. This building presented a very impressive sight during the fair when it was decorated with bunting, flags, evergreens and bright colored pennants.

Opposite this building is the beautiful grove, where those who wish to camp during the fair may do so. It lies in close proximity to the county road and to the Southern Pacific railroad. There were many campers here last year who enjoyed the outing. There is a well on the grounds that is both convenient to the exhibitors and to the campers. The well is about 30 feet deep with planked sides, and the water is excellent. The volume is

great, and it was necessary during its construction to use an engine, the water being pumped steadily for 24 hours, but the task had to be abandoned as the force was so great. A pump has been installed for its use. The fair grounds are about one-quarter mile from the Southern Pacific depot, and it is the intention of the Clackamas County Fair Association to make provision before the opening of the fair next fall for better facilities in car service to the grounds. An immense grandstand will be constructed on the grounds during the coming summer, where the visitors may view the races and baseball games. Owing to the lateness of the construction of the other buildings



Andrew Kocher, the hardware and implement dealer, is well known throughout the county of Clackamas. Mr. Kocher came to Canby from Aurora in 1899, and has been in the hardware and implement business ever since. Through his fair dealings he has built up such a trade that he was obliged to erect another building to accommodate his large stock, and at present three buildings are used for his goods. The building erected this summer, one of the finest business houses in the county, is at the

end of Main street, and is one and one-half stories in height, 50x120 feet. Mr. Kocher carries a full line of vehicles, saddles, paints, oils, harnesses, crockery, graphophones, etc. Mr. Kocher was connected with the Staver & Walker Company, implement dealers of Portland, for many years, and is a gentleman of much experience in this line. Mr. Kocher, who was born in Bethel, Mo., in 1851, came to Oregon in 1867, and for many years resided in Union county. He is known throughout the state as a man of honorable dealings to all.

On the grounds this had to be abandoned until then. President George Lazelle, of Mount Pleasant; Vice-President, R. S. Coe, of Canby; Treasurer T. F. Ryan, of Oregon City, and Secretary T. J. Gary, of Oregon City, are deserving of great credit in the management of the fair of last year. These men devoted much of their valuable time in helping to make the fair such a success. It is probable that the Clackamas County Fair Association will purchase the property where the fair grounds are now located, for no better location in the county can be found, which affords the advantages that are to be found here. The enterprising citizens of Canby and nearby towns of the southern part of the county will endeavor to keep the county fair in Canby.

**CANBY BAND.**

The Canby Band is progressing well under the leadership of Mr. Keebaugh, of Barlow, who organized it November, 1907. Mr. Keebaugh has been successful in organizing bands in California and Oregon, and he is a musician of high merit, being able to play almost any musical instrument. The Canby Band is composed of about 20 members, mostly young men of the city. Meetings are held twice a week, Mondays and Saturdays. It will be remembered that this organization donated the music at the first day of the county fair last year, and also furnished the music for the Oregon City day, which was one of the most successful days held.

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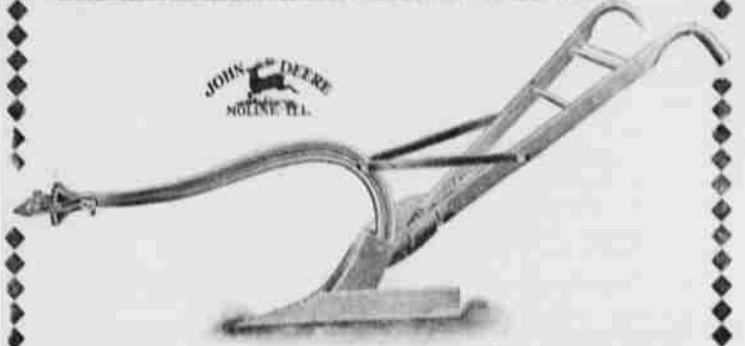
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