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Peter G. Stewart was a member of the Provisional Government of Oregon. He was elected a member of the executive committee in 1843. The other members of the committee were Debrun Russell and W. J. Bailey. The election was held May 14, of the year above named. Mr. Stewart came across the plains with the first great migration of that year, which included J. W. Nesbit, Jesse Applewhite, Daniel Walker, W. T. Newby, M. M. McCarter, and many more. A very few of this group still survive, among them Almon Hill, of Washington County, Oregon. Mr. Stewart is remembered by many who came to Oregon in later years. Mr. Stewart was the only survivor of those who signed a petition for a good government for the Provisional Government of Oregon. He was born September 5, 1828, in Stamford, Delaware County, N. Y., and came to Oregon early in the year 1843. He remained in Oregon for many years after that time, and was one of the first to be removed to Washington, as did also William P. Dougherty, who was another of those Masons that took the initiative step toward organizing the Oregon City lodge, the latter making his home at Rigney, where he died about two years ago.

OREGON METHODIST CONFERENCE

Programme for the Forty-eighth Annual Session.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 28.—The programme for the forty-eighth annual session of the Oregon conference of the Methodist church, which will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church September 15 to 24, has been completed. The committee, consisting of W. H. Abbott, pastor of the church in this city, and Rev. D. T. Summerville, presiding elder for this district, have arranged for the entertainment of the conference. The programme for the conference includes a series of lectures, addresses, and sermons, and a social program. The conference will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Ashland, Oregon, from September 15 to 24.

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