

Editor Who Took Up Work in 1865 Describes Paper's Founding and Half Century of Progress.

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Paper Came With Pioneers. So The Oregonian appeared with the very beginning of development in the Pacific Northwest. American pioneers had, indeed, been in the country 19 or 15 years, but their number was too few to constitute an active social organization and living community. But as Portland began to grow into a village the ambi-tious men of the place were resolved that there should be a newspaper to make her name known, to record her growth, to ad-vocate her interests, to carry her message to the world. She must have a news-paper, moreover, to set forth her attrac-tions to the country, to represent its pos-sthillities, to prove to all who would read that here was a seat of coming empire. sthillities, to prove to all who would read that here was a seat of coming empire. The time had come for Fortland to reach out for trade, to exert her position in respect to external and internal com-merce; and in the early part of the year 1550 William W. Chapman and Stephen Coffin, two citizens who took a leading part in all undertakings to establish Portland, determined to visit San Fran-elsco on various business of this char-acter and one considerable part of their and one considerable part of their is was to make arrangements for ishing a newspaper here.

## First Issue in 1850.

On this errand they were in San Fran-cisco on July 4, 1858. There, and about that date, Mr. Coffin happened to meet Thomas J. Dryer, a native of Ulsier County, New York, who had recently ar-Themas J. Dryer, a native of Uister County, New York, who had recently ar-rived in California. Mr. Dryer had worked on the country press in his state and was a vigorous rather than a pol-ished writer. He had brought with him to California a hand printing press and a small lot of printing material, and was looking for a place where he night start a newspaper. Mr. Coffin introduced him to Mr. Chapman, and the two explained to him that they wanted a newspaper at Portland. Mr. Dryer at once consented to come to Fortland. "Now we shall have a paper at Portland." said Mr. Chapman, "and we will call it 'The Oregonian." As soon as practicable Mr. Dryer's press and material were shipped, but did not arrive at Portland until November. Messra. Chapman and Coffin took great interest in the forthcoming journal; they assisted Mr. Dryer at up all the night preceding the issue of the first number; and there was a sories of solemnly amus-ing ceremonies as the first paper came off the press. It was a sheet of four pages, six columns to the page, and was to be published weekly. De the marging of December 4, 150, the

pages, six columns to the page, and was to be published weekly. On the morning of December 4, 1850, the first number was delivered through the town by Arthur and Thomas, sons of Mr. Chapman, and by Henry Hill, stepson of Mr. Coffin. The subscription price of this little paper was fi a year. Mr. Chapman hired a man to go on horseback and de-liver the first number as far as Corvallis then Marswille), on the West Side, with instructions to cross there and deliver it in the East Side on his return. Thus The Oregonian was given to the world.

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#### Dryer Gives Up Editor's Chair.

**Dryer Gives Up Editor's Chair.** In 1860 Mr. Dryer was chosen one of the electors of Oregon on a Lincoln Presidential ticket. He now looked for official recognition from the Ad-ministration and obtained it. After an experience of ten years he had found that there was no profit in the way of business in conducting a weekly paper in a new and sparsely settled state, and the day of the daily news-paper here had not come and could not below the first class was considered better than The Oregonian of that day, and Mr. Dryer was elated with the offer of the mission at the Hawaiian isands. Owing Mr. Pittock quite a sum for services, which he had no other means of paying. Mr. Dryer gave Mr. Fittock The Oregonian for the debt, and in a short time took his departure for Honolulu, where he remained for several years as the representative of the United States. Afterward he re-turned to Portland, where he died in 1870. 1879.

#### Oregonian Becomes Daily.

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Telegraphic News Obtained.

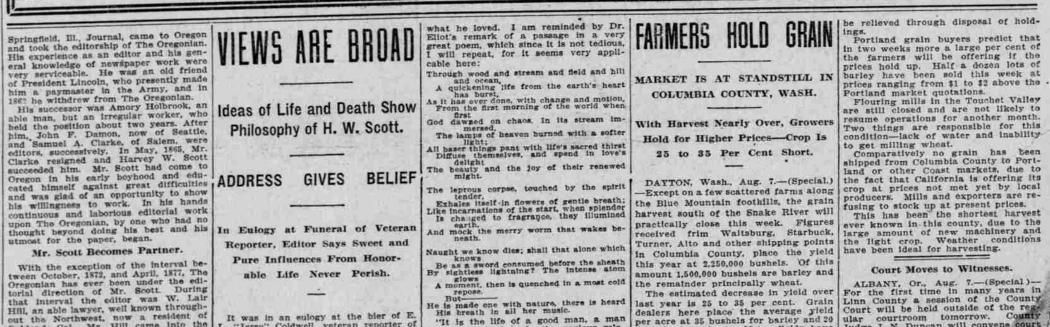
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The Oregonian, that Mr. Scott, on March who does his duty in the various rela-tions of life as our departed friend has done, that shows us that it is worth while to live. Even the memory of us may be lost. But the work we do, if it be rightly done, will not be lost. With similar work, it becomes a cumulative force for a benefaction to the race; for after all our striving it remains as an-rithm or done wild. who does his duty in th The Oregonian, that Mr. Scott, on March 18, 1908, gave expression, briefly, to his views on life and death. In his address, which was purely spontaneous, is dis-played a tipe and big-scouled philosophy and it affords as much an insight into the character of the editor as also into that of the yetran reporter in whose that of the veteran reporter in whose praise he was speaking. His remarks follow: prime he was speaking. His remarks follow: "It is fit, and at such a time and on such an occasion as this to ask the ques-tion what human life is, whether it is worth living, and to try to find some answer to the question. The answer is that the life of the good man or the good woman is all there is in this world that is really worth attention or consid-eration. Everything perishes but the sweet and pure influences that proceed from an honorable life. They are im-mortal, extending in over-widening cir-cles, we may believe through time and eternity. ther poet has said: Only the actions of the just Smell sweet and blossom in the dust. NOVEL EXCUSE IS GIVEN Disorderly Young Man Tells Police He Is "Student of Life." Eugene Goodwin, the name given by a young man arrested by Patrolmen Martine and Johnson at Third and An-"The life of our deceased friend was such a life. He lived close to nature and close to man; in every relation of life he did his duty. Fidelity was an keny streets on a charge of disorderly keny streets on a charge of disorderly conduct Saturday night, chose a novel ex-cuse for his actions by declaring him-melf to be a "Student of Life." Goodwin was detected in the act of accosting several women on the street and peering into their faces. When collared by the officers he said, "I am studying human nature-I'm a student of life. I chose those women for my subject." absolute part of his nature. I should scarcely say he was guided by determina-tion to do his duty, for he did it unconnusly, and was far and away above need of strengthening his nature by "The testimony of these friends today bears witness to his honorable, generous and energetic life. The testimony of his fellow workers assembled around his bier shows in what esteem he was held by those who, outside his own home, knew him beat. The work he did on The Oregonian for years, in no way obtru-sive, yet had marked significance. Its quaintness, its good nature, its gentie humor, its nearness to the heart and life of its author, and of all those who read it, gave proofs that though the author was not known very much except in our own community, nevertheless wherevar The Oregonian was read, here was the work of a distinctive hand. "The testimony of these friends today At headquarters Goodwin was booked as a "Student of Life." Oregon Electric Starts Suit. Oregon Electric Starts Suit. ALBANY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)— Suit to condemn a right of way through some land in the Eastern part of this city was begun in the State Circuit Court here last evening by the Oregon Electric Railway Company. The owners of the land who are made defendants in the suit are Louis M. Moench, Ruby R. Moench, John E. Moench, William H. Moench, Charles J. Moench, Noah A. Moench and Mary M. Moench. The land is situated where the Fifth street line of the Oregon Electric will enter the city. own community, noverincess whitever The Oregonian was read, here was the work of a distinctive hand. "He was a moral man, of mental equi-pose, of even temper, never subject to excitements. Of his religious beliefs he was never obtrusive, but his attitude towards the sacred mysteries of life and denth and futurity was always reverent. Though never publicly proclaiming it, he shared with all other thoughtful hu-man beings the idea that man has sure relations with infinite. Yet he did not dogmatize on the subject. His idea was that we have come, we know not how, out of the infinite unknown; that we shall return we know not how, to the infinite unknown. Yet sure belief in some thought or suggestion of immortal-ity was shared by him. He was too thoughtful and too serious to think oth-erwise. clty. JACKSONVILLE GETS BANK Medford Branch Institution Taken Over by Local Men. that we have come, we know not how, out of the infinite unknown; that we shall return we know not how, to the infinite unknown. Yet sure belief in some thought or suggestion of immortal-ity was shared by him. He was to to thoughtful and too serious to think oth-crwise. The was a lover of Nature. His work fave continuous proof of the closeness of his observation of Nature, and mat-ter and all the phenomena of animal and vegetable life. He never undertook to gave them his light quaint and sugges-live touches, day by day, as one thing and another came to his attention. Dri-Eliot has said that it is fit that upon this day of opening and sunny Spring-time we should pay this tribute to him for these manifestations of nature were

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Front and Morrison street that was pulled down a year or two later.

## Pioneer Journalism Style Shows.

Plunging into the discussions that tiended the efforts to settle a new onniry and to lay the foundations of a growth, and adding no little to the controversies and adding no little to the grew out of such a situation. The Ore-gonian at once became well known. An incluive vigor, characterized its work. Mr. Dryer was an aggressive and spirited writer, well suited to the requirements of pioneer inurnalism. and spirited writer, well suited to the requirements of pioneer journalism. There was little of what would now be known as news; Oregon was remote and isolated; intercourse with the out-side world was infrequent, and the journals of that day gave little atten-tion to reporting the ordinary incidents and affairs of their own localities. Petty political contention formed the staple of the newsenper's work. A few months after The Oregonian was started at Oregon City, then the

was started at Portant die Started to was started at Oregon City, then the capital of the territory, and as one was Whig and the other Democrat. Though The Oregonian's competitor soon after it started a daily, dropped was Whig and the other Democrat. each was a spur to the partieanship of the other. In those days there was no riwairy in the obtainment and pub-lication of news, the rivairy of news-papers was shown in the champion-ship of the claims of their respective incalities, and in the rough discussion of local and provincial politics. During the first ten years of the existence of The Oregonian, the territory, and then the state, were controlled by the Demo-cratic party, and the opposition was virtually hopeless. But The Ore-gonian never relaxed its efforts against overwhelming odds in politics, and it virtually nopeless. But has dote sonian never relaxed its efforts against overwhelming odds in politics, and it was a steady champion of Portland against all rivels. At first it received its news from abroad at irregular in-tervals as vessels came in from San Francisco; but after a time there was a monthly steamer, and later two steamers a month, while San Fran-cisco herself received the news of the world from New York by the Isthmus of Panama, often after it was a month old. Many times The Oregonian ex-hausted its slender stock of white pa-per, and for weeks together would be compelled to sppear on colored sheets, but it never missed an issue or begred the indulgence of its readers for im-perfections or omissions. It was al-ways on time with the best it could give. give

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National sentiment of the work obtained. Then, and for a long time afterward, the news of the world came to Oregon wholly through San Francisco. In 1851 there was a week's steamer from San Francisco to Portland, which was the main dependence; so Portland got a week's news at a time. California now had telegraphic communication with the East, and not much later the extension of a line from California to Oregon be-gan. As this line approached Oregon, the time was shortened. Brief news reports were taken off at Redding, then it rest established. The Oregonian was of these dary was eagerly wought, the paper quicky took the leading poetion as a medium of news that it has ever since main-tist telegraphic communication was es-tablished between San Francisco and Portland, and The Oregonian began to reports East, and not much later the the the of a line from California to Oregon be-gan. As this line approached Oregon, the time was shortened. Brief news reports were taken off at Redding, then at Yreka, then at Jacksonville, and for-warded to Pertland by daily mail, then first established. The Oregonian was foremost in getting news by this man-ner, and as the war news of those days was easerly bought, the paper guickly took the leading position as a modum of news that it has ever since main-tained. In the early part of the year 1864 telegraphic communication was es-tablished between San Francisco and Portland, and The Oregonian began to receive regular tolegraphic reports, which, however, for a long time gave only a bare outline of the most import-ant news. The rates were high, the re-sources of the paper were small, there was but a poor system of gathering news at that day, and even the journals of San Francisco were obliged to content themselves with scanty reports, though the news way of the most important character.

Competitors Come and Go.

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HILLIS' AID COMES HERE

### Famous Brooklyn Man Accepts Call to Portland Church.

Rev. C. H. Crooker, associate pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, of Brooklyn, N. Y., of which Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis is pastor, has accepted a position as pastor of the Atkinson Memorial Congregational Church, at East Glisan and Twenty-eighth streets. it started a dally, dropped

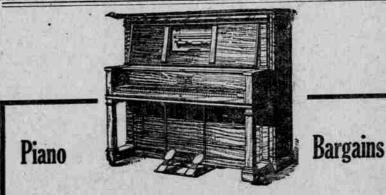
Though The Oregonian's competitor, soon after it started a daily, dropped out of the field, other papers were start-ed no long time after; but they. too, were short-lived. It is unnecessary to make any list of them here. In the year 1556 a more pretentions and for-middable effort was made. The Oregon Heraid, daily and weekly, was started; it was a Democratic paper, backed by a good deal of money, and as time went. The Heraid was published nearly 19 years. It was able to juvest a good deal more. The Heraid was published nearly 19 years. It was able to is get the same paid its way, and when its resources were finally exhausted and it was forced to succumb, its various propri-etors had sunk fully \$150,000. Yet, while this competitor was in the field, The Oregonian had still another to meet. In this way laways a locked lavishly, but it ways are of a little over fire years it, too, gave up the ghost. In that time it had sunk nearly. or quite, \$20,000.

but it was always a losing business, and after s career of a little over five years it, too, gave up the shoet. In that time it had sunk nearly, or quite, \$200,000. A third formidable effort was made in \$50, when the Daily Northwast News appeared. This paper was as unsuccess-firspiretor, after losing a great amount of money, abandoned it, and it passed from the hands of one to another, until finally, after a career of six or seven years, it suspended. Its losses had also been very heavy-equal probably to those of either of the unfortunate ventures that preceded it. There have been other florts of like kind, vigorous, yet unsuc-cessful, needless to recount here. These statements are presented as part of the history of The Oregonian, since they tend to show that it does not owe its position of so the fortune of opportunity, but to viginace, management and hard work. Editorial Management Strong. The annual session of the Oregon conference of the Methodisi Episcopal Church is to be held at Hillsboro Sep-tember 21. So far as is now known there are no church triais to take place, and no business of a special na-ture. Bishop C. W. Smith will preside for the second time. This is a very unusual thing, it being customary in the Methodist church for the council of bishops to change the appointment of the officer to preside at each suc-ceeding conference. Bishop Smith is also to preside at the Idaho conference, to be held at Joseph; at the Columbia. River conference, at Court d'Alene, Idaho, and at the Puget Sound con-ference at Centralis. ference at Centralia.

Food time approaches, and as the toad rather enjoys feasing on the honey bee laden with honey his appetite should be con-sidered. The toad in the act of catching his same remains on the ground, never aprings into the air, and the bees may be protected by setting the hive well above the protected by setting the hive well above the octed by setting nd.-Fur News.

The Munich Post pays a remarkable trib-ste to Herr Joseph Fincher, who for 40 mars, without a single break, has been a taily customer at the Deleth brewery in the swn of Straubing, and during that period us spent 14000 in beer and \$115 in tips.

amount 1,500,000 bushels are barley and the remainder principally wheat. The estimated decrease in yield over last year is 25 to 35 per cent. Grain dealers here place the average yield per acre at 35 bushels for barley and 20 bushels for wheat. Many fields have yielded as high as 50 bushels of wheat and 65 of barley to the acre. Market conditions here are at standstill, buyers contending that prices now do not warrant extensive speculation and growers belleving that prices will advance before Spring as they did last year. However, the farmers are not so completely masters of the situation as they were last year. Many refused to sell then, but now 40 per cent of the old crop is on hand and the financial tension will have to



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