

PIONEER PASTOR HELPS CELEBRATE

Father Flinn, 96 Years Old, Prays at Anniversary of Dedication.

OTHER OLD-TIMERS ATTEND

First Methodist Church of Vancouver Is Scene of Commemoration Services—History of Congregation Is Reviewed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Father John Flinn, pioneer Methodist circuit rider, 96 years old, today offered the opening prayer and closing address at the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the dedication of the First Methodist Church, at Ninth and Columbia streets.

The first sermon preached in this part of the Pacific Northwest was delivered within a mile of the station of the Methodist Church of Vancouver, by James Lee, September 28, 1834, at old Fort Vancouver.

Rev. C. O. Howford was the first resident pastor in 1854, and in 1857 and 1858 he directed the erection of the first church building on a lot at Eighth and Washington streets.

Rev. L. A. Banks was pastor. The first church built in Vancouver is now used as a grocery store. President Hayes and Mrs. Hays attended services there in 1853.

Old time songs were sung today. George P. Buck singing "The Village Church." Mrs. E. H. Hathaway was the only survivor of the organization of 1853 who attended today's services.

Among other early settlers and families of pioneers who attended today's services were Mrs. Mary Manning, E. G. Crawford, vice president of the Lumbermen National Bank of Portland, and H. H. G. Bell, president of the old Vancouver seminary.

RURAL CARRIERS MEET

Oregon City Entertains One Hundred Delegates.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—One hundred rural letter carriers from all parts of the state gathered here in their eleventh annual convention.

Paul E. Keyser, an attorney of the postal service, presided at the convention, and will explain those features of the regulations that have given trouble in the past.

J. H. Maxwell, of Eugene, informally opened the convention today in the rooms of the Commercial Club, but the regular sessions will not begin until Monday.

While Mr. Keyser is in the city he will be asked to inspect the postoffices here, and an effort will be made to have him report favorably on the question of a new Federal building.

OFFER IS MADE FOR ROAD

County Court Defers Action on Acme-Mapleton Route.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—An offer of an immediate cash payment of \$15,000 for eight miles of county road was made to the County Court yesterday by the Willamette-Pacific Railroad Company, which has appropriated a strip of road between Mapleton and Acme.

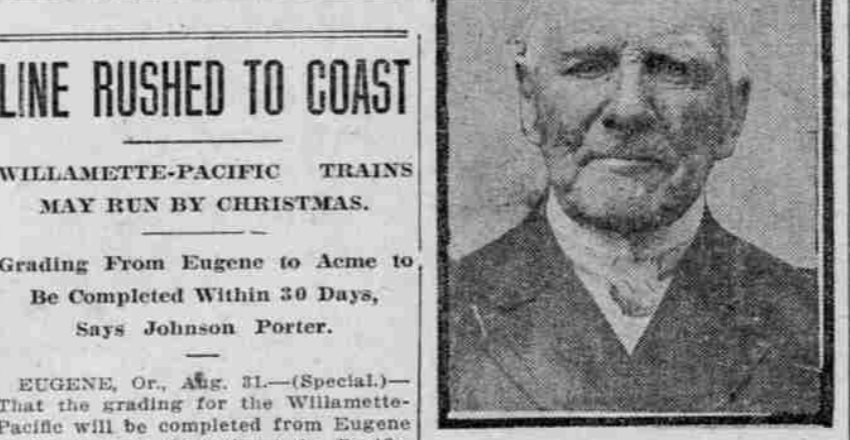
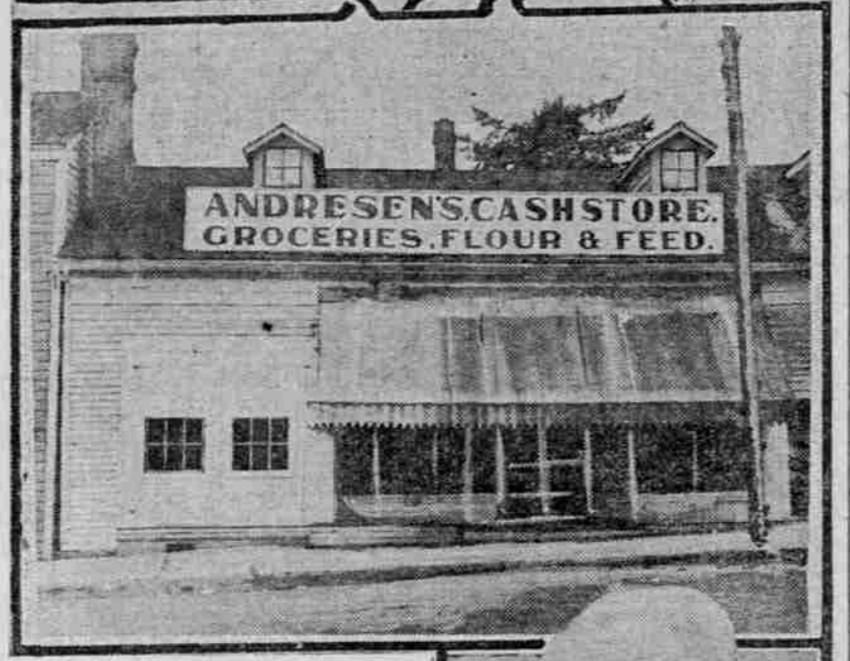
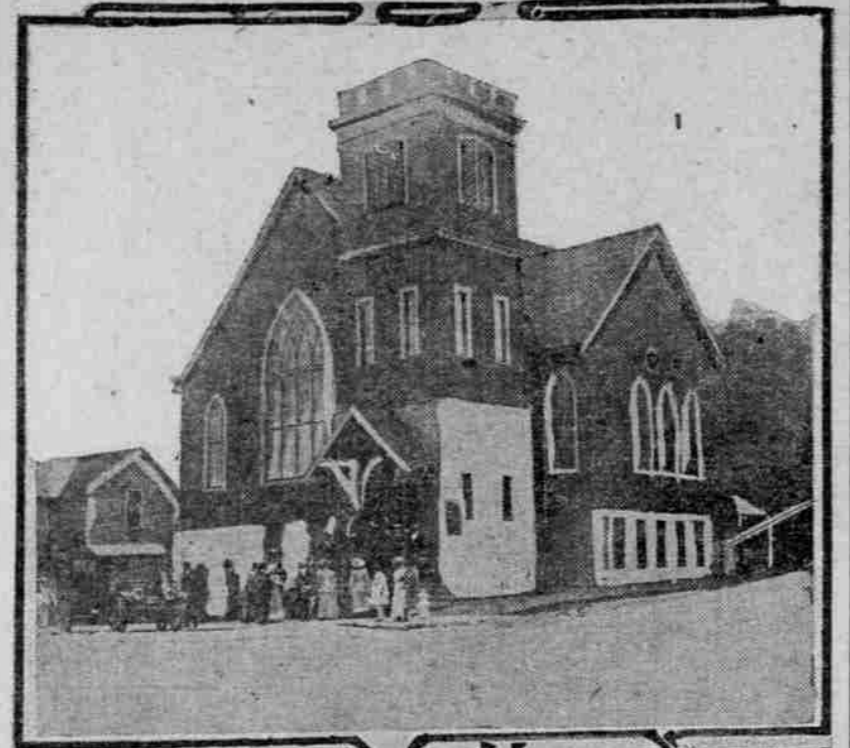
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1500 Lane County Voters Register.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Approximately 1500 Lane County voters have already registered for the special election this year and of this number approximately half are women.

Why are you humming that aria? Because it haunts me. No wonder, for you're ever missing it.

VANCOUVER'S PRESENT METHODIST CHURCH, ITS ANCIENT PREDECESSOR AND ITS FIRST PASTOR, WHO CELEBRATED YESTERDAY



LINE RUSHED TO COAST

WILLAMETTE-PACIFIC TRAINS MAY RUN BY CHRISTMAS.

Grading From Eugene to Acme to Be Completed Within 30 Days, Says Johnson Porter.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—That the grading for the Willamette-Pacific will be completed from Eugene to Acme, four miles from the Pacific, within 30 days, was the statement made yesterday by Johnson Porter, of the firm of Porter Bros., who are at work on the western 37 miles of the 60-mile line between Eugene and the crossing of the Siuslaw Bay.

Completion of the Not tunnel is all that is holding back the work of tracklaying now and this will be ready for the rails early in October.

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ADAMS LOCATED IN IDEAL WHEAT BELT

Semi-arid Land About Umatilla County Best in West, Says Addison Bennett.

AVERAGE YIELD IS LARGE

Section of Eastern Oregon Once Used as Range for Cattle and Sheep Now Worth More Than \$100 an Acre.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. ADAMS, Or., Aug. 31.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Adams is not one of the largest places in Umatilla County in population, but it has the greatest wheat fields of the county, for its lawns and its front and back yards. If you should eliminate Adams and the Adams district you would cut down the Umatilla wheat yield from 30 to 40 per cent.

In all the districts of the West where wheat growing goes on in what may be called the semi-arid belt, where a crop is taken from the land every second year, the other year being devoted to Summer fallowing, which means that the land that year is covered in the best manner to conserve the moisture and store it in the soil for the next season's crop, there is no land, so far as I ever heard, that is quite the equal of the Adams section.

I have spent the greater portion of the forenoon in talking with different people who are well informed, but principally to William Holdman, who lives just in the western edge of the town. Seated on Mr. Holdman's lawn, in the shade of the fine locusts that are so plentiful in this section, Mrs. Ella Bowling, and her daughter, Helene, Mr. Holdman talked to me very entertainingly for a couple of hours. Mrs. Bowling and her daughter often joining in the conversation.

Mr. Holdman and his sister were born almost in the shadow of that once "great" institution, but as Judge Applegate called it—the Wilbur Academy. There were three other sons and another sister in the Holdman family, and in 1847 they located in this part of the country, at first settling near where Weston is now located. In 1868 the family removed to Adams, where they have since lived, and have practically resided here ever since, on the same section of land.

I was told by some of the Adams people that Mr. Holdman could tell me as much or more about this section than anybody else, and I think I could have gone to no better source for information. I will briefly recapitulate the history of various wheat growers hereabouts. I think when these facts are read the reader will agree with me that the Adams section is one of the best lands for a semi-arid country.

J. T. Llewellyn farms 2000 acres, had about 40 bushels of it in crop this year, perhaps a little more. His average was about 45 bushels an acre. L. L. Rogers farms about 2500 acres, half in crop, average 45 bushels an acre. Martin Butler farms 1500 acres, cropped about 700 acres this year. Average yield an acre 45 bushels. J. W. Thompson farms 1200 acres, 700 acres in crop this year. Average yield an acre, 40 bushels.

Caspar Woodward and his brother farm about 2000 acres, 1000 in crop this year. Average an acre, close to 50 bushels. Messrs. Woodward have their own warehouse in town. "Jinks" Dudley farms 1000 acres of Mr. Bala's land, situated near town, for which he pays \$12 an acre for land in crop. The 600 acres cropped on the Bala ranch yielded about 40,000 bushels of wheat.

Mr. Dudley is one of Umatilla County's most prominent and successful ranchers. He farms a large area, the most of his operations being around a ranch on the Adams section. He resides in the latter town. He is said to own some valuable inside property in Portland. John Adams farms 2000 acres, 1000 in crop this year. Average yield an acre, about 40 bushels.

Frank Martin farms 2000 acres, had 1000 in crop this year, which yielded about 50 bushels to the acre. A ranch of about 400 acres about seven miles southwest of here, farmed by a resident of Pendleton, harvested 55 bushels an acre from the half of it in crop.

Sainted Thompson farms about 1500 acres. The portion in crop this year, about 850 acres, yielded between 45 and 50 bushels to the acre. Mr. Thompson married a daughter of the late Captain Blakely, who died at the advanced age of 100 years. The Captain at an early date was a resident of this section.

There are a few of the reports—but I have purposely held back "rumors" of yields of 60 bushels and over to the table and her rooms and beds are invitingly clean and comfortable. The town has a splendid water supply, the water being pumped from deep wells into a reservoir west of town.

As to the amount of wheat shipped from here it is rather difficult to get at the figures. It appeared to M. C. McIntyre, who has charge of the H. W. Collins warehouse, and he estimated the 1913 crop, all of which will go out over the O-W. R. & N. from this place and a little sliding a mile or two to the west, at 325 carloads.

Board Fears For Settlers. "Members of the board felt that such action would result in the detriment of the settlers inasmuch as Mr. Morson probably could not conform to the Governor's ideas, and therefore may be forced into bankruptcy. The proposed settlers, who have bought options, would then lose all they had invested, unless the state came to their rescue."

Mr. Kay made a statement in part as follows: "In answer to Governor West's charge that Lewis and I prepared a statement to the Interior Department, which was untrue, I wish to say that Lewis and I had nothing whatever to do with making the statement. It was prepared by Assistant Secretary Vanwinkle, of the Land Board, in compliance with an order made by a unanimous vote of the board at a former meeting. I signed it only as chairman pro tem of the meeting and Lewis as secretary."

Further, the Governor has no just cause for complaint at the statement, as J. E. Morson has been vindicated from every serious charge made against him by the Governor.

Navy Prisoner Escapes. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 31.—V. Hagggett, a marine awaiting sentence after having been convicted by court-martial of intoxication, scaled the fence of the Puget Sound Navy-yard, near the marine barracks, while the sentry was not looking, and escaped. He was the sixth naval prisoner to gain freedom since August 12. None has been recaptured.

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OFFICIALS ANSWER WEST

(Continued From First Page.)

About this time Governor West and Mr. Morson, president and manager of the company, had a falling out and became bitter enemies. The Governor demanded from Mr. Morson certain information and reports, and among other things the statement of all the option buyers of these lands with their postoffice addresses. Mr. Morson said he had no dealings with these option buyers and he would not furnish this information for the use of the general public. To which Governor West replied: "I will either make you furnish this information desired or drive you to the wall." Mr. Morson's answer was, "Lay on, MacDuff, lay on."

West Not Satisfied. "At a later day Mr. Morson sent to State Treasurer Kay a detailed statement of all the affairs of the company, including a list of the option buyers, with instructions to present the same to the board on condition that it should be used for the Board's own information, and not be given to the press. Mr. Kay presented the report to the Board at which time the Governor refused to have anything to do with it, unless it was presented as a public document. It is on this point that the main complaint has been made by the Governor. Mr. Morson hinges, Governor West said the selling of options by the company was illegal, and requested the Attorney-General to bring a suit and enjoin the company from selling them. The suit was brought against the Attorney-General and resulted in the Supreme Court holding that the selling of options was not illegal nor in violation of the company's contract.

About this time Governor West made various statements to the Department of Interior and charged the company with using the mails to defraud, which resulted in the Government holding up the project of the Crescent Lake reservoir and ordering an investigation of the company's affairs. This resulted in the closing down of active operations on the Dechutes Land Company's project, which proved expensive to the company, and further resulted in many of the option-holders refusing to pay their assessments and becoming dissatisfied. It caused the company to return to them thousands of dollars."

Investigation Favors Morson. After an investigation of the Dechutes Company by a representative of the Interior Department, the statement recites, the investigating agent made a report exonerating Mr. Morson of the charges made by Governor West. "Realizing that Mr. Morson has been justly hampered," the statement continues, "members of the board expressed themselves as willing to assist him to carry on the work of this project. Therefore, when he requested an extension of time for the completion of the work to offset the time lost through these investigations and lit-

limit yield is reached. By 1888 quite a number were growing wheat, and the yield was constantly increasing, but it was not until seven or eight years ago that the farmers really learned how to handle their Summer-fallowing and keep the weeds down. When they solved that problem with a weed-cutter they thought—who knows?—they reached the limit of yields for this section.

Let it be remembered that the wheat farmers hereabouts are of the best class. That is, they adopt every new method that proves of value, not only as to getting rid of the weeds but of plowing and seeding and cultivating. Some of the fields in Summer fallow are gone over over half a dozen times during the year and kept in the most perfect state of tith. Yes, the good wheat farmers of this section are good, indeed.

But! And a great big capitalized BUT! This last season the largest yields in this entire section were on the thinnest, lightest lands, lands that were supposed to be useless for wheat-growing but a few years ago. Is there something more to learn about cropping; rather about how to Summer-fallow and seed these lands? There seems to be two churches, a Baptist and a Methodist. There is but one school building, but a high school course is taught. There are four teachers in addition to the principal. The members of the Roman Catholic Church are planning to build a church the coming Fall. The business houses of the town have a prosperous look. The principal store is owned by A. H. Kirby, and he has a fine stock, kept in the best and most attractive order. It is not as neat an establishment as I have seen for some time.

The Commercial Hotel is a good place to stop. It is kept by Mrs. Sarah Windsor, and kept well. She sets a good wagon and horse lost. ELMER POWELL, while "snaking" a trail wagon behind a water wagon at Madras last week lost his rear wagon by breaking of the coupling. Stopping his team abruptly the tongue of the load wagon ran into one of his leaders, breaking its leg.

Independence Man Gets Damages. W. W. WRIGHT, commonly known as "Horse Radish Billy," got a judgment of \$45 for unlawful imprisonment for serving 39 days for an attempted assault on an officer. He asked \$100 damages from H. H. Holman, Justice of the Peace, and Sheriff Gray.

Women Slay Huge Rattler. MISS LORA STEARNS, of Prineville, were out for a horseback ride between the Stearns ranch and Frank Hoffman's place on Crooked River last Tuesday, says the Journal, at Prineville, when a big rattlesnake struck at one of the horses, just missing him a few inches. Mr. Stearns then crawled back into a big bush, but kept rattling, so the girls located him again and beat him to death with a big log. He was about three feet long. In killing him they broke his rattles until they couldn't tell the exact number, but judging from his size they thought about nine.

WOMAN'S BODY RECOVERED

Threat of Suicide Carried Out, Apparently, Near Salem.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The body of Mrs. Mary Guild, 60 years of age, who disappeared from her home August 18, leaving a note saying she intended to drown herself, was found early today at Lincoln, six miles from here. The body was brought to this city and interred at once.

Mrs. Guild frequently had threatened to end her life, and had been watched for months by her husband and children. She slipped from the house while they were sleeping, and in her bare feet went to the river. Her footprints were found on the river bank, and it was evident that she had carried out her threat.

MAN BURNED; AUTO LOSS

Fire Starts at Prineville as Gasoline Is Transferred.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—While gasoline was being transferred from one car to another last night, an automobile belonging to Fred Hoelscher caught fire and was destroyed. Charles S. Conard was severely burned during the fire.

OUT-OF-ORDINARY NEWS OF OREGON

A REMARKABLE hatch of chickens was brought off recently at the Parcels Post Poultry Farm, owned by Miss Ella McMunn, of Quincy. Of the 18 hatched five have an extra toe on each foot. Otherwise they are normal. The variety was Salmon Faverolles, a new breed.

Sunflower 12 1/2 Feet High. THOMAS R. ROBINSON, of Albany, has a sunflower growing in his yard that is 12 feet 6 inches high. It is surrounded by a mammoth blossom. It is no uncommon thing for vegetables to assume monster proportions in Albany, but this is the first 12-foot sunflower.

Old Guest Comes Back. MR. FARMER, of Portland, who is a peddling speck, was an overnight visitor at the Santiam farm, near Selk, where he was a guest six years ago.

Preacher's Cow in Demand. THE fine dairy cow which Rev. Mr. Gardner, of Cottage Grove, sold recently to W. A. Hemenway for \$100, was sold to a Eugene man last week by Mr. Hemenway for \$150 and the purchaser had her taken to Eugene in a site truck at an additional expense of \$12. The last 21 days that Rev. Mr. Gardner owned this cow the sale of milk netted him \$25.62.

Cat Mothers Bull Pups. NINE cats, three kittens, two pups and 40-11 rats, more or less, form a menagerie at the United Warehouse, of Bend. The cats are Pringle's accumulation of rat exterminators; the kittens are ordinary sore-eyed little

Log Found Far Under Ground. H. PARSONS, of Prineville, is having a well drilled on the lot near where the water tower now stands. Gardiner, of Eugene, is doing the work and he has drilled a distance of

over 200 feet without striking a flow of water. When down a distance of 84 feet the drill went through a cedar log and, judging from the place where wood pumped up, the log appeared to be in a good state of preservation. It was in a sand-like formation. The log came to be so far underground is not known. At some time or other this valley was a lake.

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