

PHIL METSCHAN, SR., AS LAD OF 14, PROMINENT OREGONIAN LEFT GERMANY 60 YEARS AGO YESTERDAY.

Sixty Years Ago November 10 Ambitious German Lad Sailed for America.

SUCCESS CROWNS CAREER

Prominent Hotel Man Recalls Departure From Fatherland With Trunk That Becomes Guide. Oregon Home 52 Years.

Just 60 years ago yesterday, November 10, 1854, Phil Metschan, Sr., perhaps the most prominent boniface in Oregon, then a sturdy lad of 14 years, left the port of Bremerhaven, Germany, on the three-masted sailing vessel Meta for the United States.

With the consent of his parents he had departed from his home village, Schenkingsfeld, in the province of Prussia, in what is now Prussia, a few days earlier, with only 100 German dollars, or about 60 American dollars, in his pockets, and a big trunk which was destined to serve as his guide.

Prompted by the terrors attendant upon the revolution of 1848, many German boys had come to America, among them Carl Schurz and others of similar type, who had sprung up from the best blood in Germany. Mr. Metschan had been advised to come to America by an elder brother, Franz F. Metschan, who had migrated a few years earlier and who still lives in Kansas City.

Ambition His Prompter.

Like the other young fellows, he wanted to live in America, where he thought he could better his condition. He was willing to trust to luck. The fact that he had to pay out about two-thirds of his accumulated fortune to pay for his passage, berth and meals illustrates what chances he took.

Forty-two-year-old Phil Metschan was alone on the trip across the ocean, but he had acquaintances in Andrew Heuser, father of George F. Heuser and the late John A. Heuser, then a boy in his teens, and John Berger, a man about 35.

At the entrance of the North Sea the vessel Meta struck a heavy weather, which precipitated an experience that Mr. Metschan recalled even yesterday. But the remainder of the voyage was smooth and the arrival in New York was so favorable to quick sailing that the captain said they might make New York in 10 days. But they did not arrive until December 1, 1854, after a voyage of 50 and 40 days, according to the wind.

Cincinnati First Goal.

As soon as they put foot on land the three friends started for Philadelphia, where one had relatives, to spend New Year's day. They then parted, young Metschan going by the new rail route over the Allegheny Mountains, Cincinnati, where his uncle, Fred Shirrke, conducted a butcher shop. When he landed in Cincinnati the boy had but 44.49 and he couldn't speak a word of English.

"When I left home my parents gave me a big trunk filled with clothes," said Mr. Metschan yesterday. "As I never knew where to go at junction points, all I could do was to watch my trunk as it was transferred to a new train. I literally followed my trunk to Cincinnati. In those days the trains didn't travel at night, so we had to make frequent stops at hotels and we changed trains often. It was not until I soon learned English at my uncle's house. They talked English altogether and would allow the servants to talk German with me. As a result I could talk as well after three months there as I can today. I had a common school education in Germany, but I have never gone to school in America a minute.

German Clothes Last.

"I began my apprenticeship in my uncle's market for a month for the first year. The second year I received \$10 a month and the third year \$15 a month. I got my board and lodging 'to boot' but it was not until I had my trunk full of clothes held out. As a matter of fact I didn't have to buy any more clothes for three years, and I'll bet I saved more out of the \$15 two years later."

Leaving Cincinnati in 1859 Mr. Metschan went to Leavenworth, Kan., and a year later started across the plains to Pike's Peak. Thence he drifted to Lewis (then California Gulch), Colo., where he was in the butcher business for two years before going to California.

He landed in the Sacramento Valley just preceding the big flood in the Fall of 1861. The Spring following he left on the steamer Sierra Nevada and arrived in Portland in July, 1862.

Grant County Office Held.

The first years of Mr. Metschan's life in Oregon were spent in Canyon City, where his nine children were born and reared. For several years he was in the butcher shop and later a general merchandise business. He was chosen to serve as County Treasurer of Grant County from 1870 to 1872 and was elected to the position of County Clerk, which he held until 1890, when he was elected State Treasurer. He was Treasurer of Oregon from 1891 to 1899, when he removed from Salem to Portland.

Soon after he came to Portland Mr. Metschan and Charles Knowles purchased the Imperial Hotel, at the corner of Washington and Seventh streets.

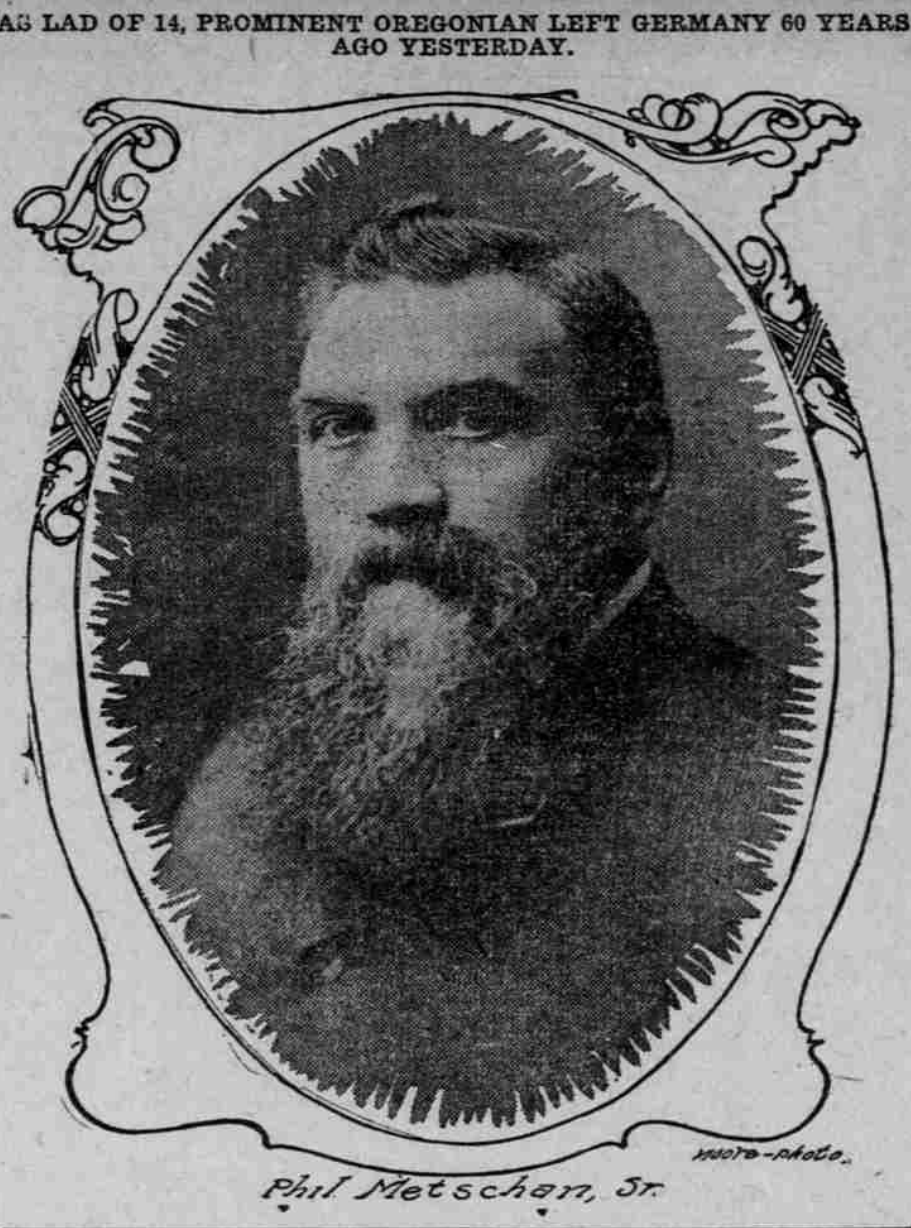
Many of Mr. Metschan's friends then remarked that he was throwing away what money he had made while in office. They told him he was going too far out on Washington street, almost in the suburbs as it seemed to them.

New Hotel Occupied.

In 1906 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Metschan became sole owner. Five years ago the Imperial moved into the new fireproof annex on Stark street and Broadway. At that time Mr. Metschan's three sons, Phil, Jr., Otto W. and H. A. Metschan, became associated in the ownership. The present Imperial has the greatest reputation of being one of the busiest hotels on the Coast. The principal factor contributing to this success has been the wide acquaintance of the Metschans throughout the state and their well-known spirit of hospitality.

Mr. Metschan has returned to Germany only once since he came to America 60 years ago. With his wife and two daughters he left Portland in July, 1907, and toured Europe, returning in November, 1908. While in the old country he visited the village of Schenkingsfeld, where he was raised. As he explained yesterday, the country thereabout looked natural, but he found that he didn't know anybody. Apparently everyone had passed on who had lived there. In November, 1854, when the 14-year-old boy had started for America with his big trunk full of clothes.

Both in the names of places mentioned in the Bible, is the Hebrew word for "house." Thus Beth-salem is the house of bread; Beth-saida, house of mercy.



TROUBLES ARE TOLD

Assessors in Session Discuss Realty Values.

PRICE HELD NO CRITERION

Effects of Purchases by Those Who Pay Too Much Subject of Warm Debate—What'll You Do About That? Asked.

Several Are Puzzled.

This proved a puzzler for several members. "I know a firm that bought a tract for \$50 an acre, shortly after the man they bought it from valued it at \$25 an acre. Now the company is selling the land for \$150 an acre. What are you going to do about that?" "Some of our land is up in the mountains, where nobody can get," another member asserted. "What are you going to do about that?" "It would be unjust to tax the lot owners on a \$500 basis. That system leads to assessing values on the small owners."

Large Dealer Knows, He says.

"But a large dealer is not going to invest more than the value of the land, except in the case of 'shoeskin' purchases, where he pays a small sum down and the rest out of the money paid him by the small buyers. I think this is a much better criterion than anything about values."

Meeting of Coos County.

The meeting was opened by T. J. Thrift, of Coos County, the president of the association. Mayor Albee welcomed the members to the city. Other speakers were: A. H. Guld, of Portland, who spoke on the "Somers System of Taxation," and J. P. Lee, of Klamath County.

Last night the association was entertained at a banquet in the Commercial Club. The meeting will convene at 10 o'clock today for the second session.

The members present are: Harry G. Hyde, Baker County; W. H. Rickard, Benton; J. E. Jack, Clackamas; F. P. Leinenweber, Clatsop; C. W. Blackesley, Columbia; T. J. Thrift, Coos; H. A. Fasilo, Crook; J. J. Donagan, Harney; J. Weckham, Hood River; W. T. Grier Jackson; J. P. Lee, Klamath; E. L. Fisher, Linn; B. West, Marion; Henry E. Reed, Multnomah; Frank E. Mayer, Polk; Olla Peels, Sherman; C. A. Johnson, Tillamook; C. P. Stram, Umatilla; T. G. Couch, Union; C. H. Allen, Wallawa; James A. Davis, Wasco; Max Crandall, Washington, and Martin Miller, Yamhill.

WORD GAINS 100 VOTES

RECHECK SHOWS ERROR ON SIDE OF T. M. HURLBURT.

Count Made by Friends of Both Reveals Trifling Mistakes That in No Way Affected Final Result.

Sheriff Word gained 100 votes yesterday over T. M. Hurlburt in their race for the shrievalty when a recheck of the precinct totals throughout the county was made. Friends of both candidates did the checking. It was found that in Precinct 68, Mr. Hurlburt had been credited in the first tabulation with 176 votes, when as a matter of fact he should have been given but 76.

C. V. H. Jones represented Sheriff Word yesterday as the rechecked the figures was made and Mr. Hurlburt was

represented by George Holcomb. A number of minor errors were found which did not affect the general result, they being quite evenly divided between the rival candidates. All the errors, including the listing of the 100 extra votes for Mr. Hurlburt, were clerical ones that were made in the run of securing the totals immediately following the election.

County Clerk Coffey will commence the official count this morning. This must be conducted in the presence of two Justices of the Peace and one copy of the results must be filed with the Secretary of State while a duplicate record of the tabulations is to be kept in the archives of the County Clerk.

Clerk Coffey's deputies engaged on election work busted themselves yesterday with preliminary work that must be done before the official count can be started. Extensions of the tally sheets were necessary because of the so much heavier vote just cast than at any previous election.

SCHOOL BOARD MUST LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR PROPERTY.

Anglo-Pacific Realty Company Places Higher Value on 2 Blocks—Contract Let—Bids Open Today.

An offer of \$90,000 made yesterday by the School Board for two blocks, bounded by Multnomah, Hassala, Adams and First streets, in Holladay Addition, was refused last night by the owners, the Anglo-Pacific Realty Company.

The property originally was offered to the board for \$125,000. The board's intention was to locate the trade school on the site, and now that the offer has been turned down, it probably will look around for other suitable property.

The plumbing contract on the new Couch school building was let by the board last night to Fred W. Fulford, man & Walker at a figure of \$11,092. The bids for the contracts on the new \$160,000 Shattuck School will be opened today.

A delegation from the Hawthorne district appeared before the grounds and buildings committee of the board last night and repeated an appeal for the purchase of ground for the construction of a proposed school to relieve the congestion caused, in that building by the attendance of high school students. The matter will be taken up again before the next regular meeting of the full board.

TURKEY DECLARED DOOMED

Mussulman Says Russian Invasion Cannot Be Prevented.

ROME, Nov. 10.—Ifram Bey, head of the staff of Essad Pasha, the Albanian Minister of War, who is here to negotiate for the lending of assistance by Italy to Albania, said today concerning the situation created by Turkey entering into the war:

"Turkey is finished. As a Mussulman I am sorry. I know the Caucasus and am convinced Turkey cannot oppose the serious resistance to the Russians. At Erzerum Turkey claims she has 300,000 men to resist the Russians, but her forces there are far below that number. While Trebizond is in even a worse condition."

"Now she rushes toward ruin. When the Mussulmans know that the power of the Caliph has been sacrificed to German interests and a few politicians, summary justice will follow, but it will be too late."

WASHING WON'T RID HEAD OF DANDRUFF

Dissolve It, That's Best Way.

The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

Do this tonight, and by morning most if not all of your dandruff will be gone and three or four applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop at once, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.

If you want to preserve your hair, do by all means get rid of dandruff. Nothing destroys the hair more quickly. It not only starves the hair and makes it fall out, but it makes it straggly, gray, brittle and lifeless, and everyone notices it. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive and never fails to do the work.—ADV.

GRANTS PASS MAN BARRED FROM LAW

Robert G. Smith, Former Congressional Candidate and State Legislator, Cast Out.

TAKING OF FUNDS CHARGED

Ousting by Supreme Court Follows Complaint Made by Cleopatra Development Company, Which Obtains \$4900 Judgment.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Robert G. Smith, of Grants Pass, candidate for Representative in Congress twice and ex-representative in the State Legislature, was today disbarred from the practice of law by the Supreme Court on charges of willful deceit and misconduct as a practitioner of law.

Mr. Smith was accused of making false representations to the Cleopatra Development Company of Washington, and to J. D. Lacey, its agent, concerning the patenting of mining claims in Northern California, having been engaged by them as counsel. He is said to have represented to Lacey that the cost of a certain advertisement was \$275, when the actual cost was \$60, and that he converted the entire sum to his own use, not even paying the \$60.

Taking of Fund Alleged. Smith further was accused of collecting \$250 as filing fees, when the actual fees were only \$10, and obtaining from Lacey \$2575, the alleged purchase price of the claim, which he is accused of converting to his own use.

The company brought suit against him for \$4490, and it was alleged that while the action was pending it was obtained from them that if he paid the company \$2500 before October 10, 1913, it would be accepted in full satisfaction of the entire amount alleged to be owed. The money was not paid and judgment for \$4490 was entered. The Supreme Court says:

"The said Smith contends that he converted the said money because the Development Company did not pay his fees."

Misconduct Is Found. "Smith says in his testimony he did not ask the Development Company for a payment thereon until November, 1909, while the \$240 and \$475 were received by him for specific purposes and were so converted in 1909, and \$2575 was received in 1908, being converted at that time. There may be a question as to whether he is entitled to any fees in

such a case, but he received money over and above the amount mentioned herein which would undoubtedly more than cover his reasonable fees. There is no question but that Robert G. Smith was guilty of willful deceit and misconduct in his professional dealings with the Cleopatra Development Company and with Lacey, its agent."

ROSE-GROWING IS INVITED

City Beautiful Committee Discusses Plans for Year.

The activities of the Rose Festival Association to make Portland "The City Beautiful" will be continued

Advertisement for Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co. featuring Hart Schaffner & Marx suits and overcoats. Text includes: "There's a Distinction" in being at the front—not only in war time, but also in the time of good dress. Others at \$18 to \$35. Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co. The Men's Shop for Quality and Service. Northwest Corner Third and Morrison.

throughout the entire year in future, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the board of governors in the Commercial Club last night. Efforts will be made through the city beautiful committee to have every child in the city raise one or more roses to compete in the rose show at the next festival. Through the children it is hoped to interest the parents and induce every family in the city to raise roses and other varieties of flowers native to Oregon. The city beautiful committee, consisting of E. T. Misch, A. E. Doy, J. A. Curry and John Carroll, under the chairmanship of Julius Meier, will take charge of all movements toward making Portland the most beautiful city of the West. Plans for entertaining visitors next Summer were decided upon. Thirty-three conventions of various organizations will be held in Seattle next Summer. The tickets of the delegates will be routed through Portland it is believed. Local members of the convening associations will be expected to provide entertainment for these visitors with the assistance of various improvement clubs. The board of governors expects to have a large representation on the Rossarian excursion, which will leave for California December 28. Emery Olmstead, president of the board, presided.

How Could Pianos Worth Over \$86,000 Be Sold in Portland During October?

My Goodness, Look! A Gift of \$20 Free at Eilers. Free storage until Thanksgiving or Xmas Day, and free delivery. No need to worry over first payment money. Here it is. It was the unprecedented combination, the Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale, coupled with the sale of the residue of the costliest makes from the Soule Bros' Failure Sale, authorized by the court. It's a record we're proud of. But November will be bigger, because the Manufacturers' representatives, Ellsworth, Barnes & Davey, now in charge of this great sale, are making prices lower than ever heretofore equalled or heard of. Special offer to purchasers Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Every pianolesse home should make careful investigation. It is so easy to pay a little each month and own one of the superb instruments now offered during this most extraordinary piano sale.

Advertisement for Eilers Music House featuring a piano and a woman. Text includes: "FREE \$20 FREE" and "Bring this advertisement today or Thursday or Friday. We give you absolutely free \$20.00 as initial payment on any new piano or player piano at these tremendously reduced sale prices, and we arrange payments in 10 months or 20, or 30, or even 40 months, according to price of the instrument and amount of time you think you may require. You have the privilege of paying all or more at any time."

Here are a few prices which will make our selling records for November the biggest of any November since the House of Eilers was established many years ago. And, remember, every instrument in this sale is accompanied by a guarantee, assuring absolute satisfaction to the purchaser or no sale. See these and many others at the sale of the Soule Bros' Failure Stock and the Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale now being held by Ellsworth, Barnes and Davey at Eilers Music House. Practically every piano in this sale is new, not even shopworn; but the few that are used are in perfect and guaranteed condition. All can be had on very easy payments. Take 20 or 30 or 40 months.

Table listing piano models and prices. Columns include 'The Price That Was', 'The Price That Is', and 'The Price That Is'. Models include Soule, Eilers, and various upright and grand pianos.

Advertisement for Eilers Music House featuring a piano and a woman. Text includes: "This \$525 Hardman Only \$188. Never Before, Never Again! Superb Baby Grand at unbelievably low prices. This great sale is bound to close very shortly now. The stock is thinning out. The assortment is still complete, but will be quickly depleted now. Saving money is making money; make it by taking advantage of these low prices. But you must be quick to do this. Buy now. Make payments commencing next year. We deliver free now, or if you prefer, will store free and then deliver as a superb Thanksgiving or Xmas surprise. Make home what it should be. It is easy. Music will do it."